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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-5590) (P)  
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka.

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[REDACTED] aka. b6  
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For the information of the Bureau on May 7, 1970, at about 6:10 AM, approximately 100 students and sympathizers from the Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges, Northfield, Minnesota community came to Minneapolis and staged a demonstration protesting U. S. involvement in Cambodia. This group blocked entrances and exits to the Federal Office Building preventing the public and employees from entering. The U. S. Marshal at the direction of the U. S. Attorney arrested all demonstrators who declined to move from the doorways. The U. S. Attorney, prior to any consultation with FBI officials and being in a position of having to immediately file complaints against 88 individuals hurriedly decided and charged them with violation of Title 40, U. S. Code, Section 318a. This charges the defendants with violation of the law in that they obstructed the usual use of entrances and corridors, by disturbing the public employees in the performance of their duties and by impeding or disturbing the general public from obtaining the administrative services provided. Subsequently, the U. S. Attorney stated he chose the above charge as he had to make an immediate decision and was unable at this time to determine whether the state of Minnesota had ceded concurrent or exclusive jurisdiction of this building to the federal government. He then advised the defendants could have probably been charged

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Approved: [Signature]  
 Special Agent in Charge

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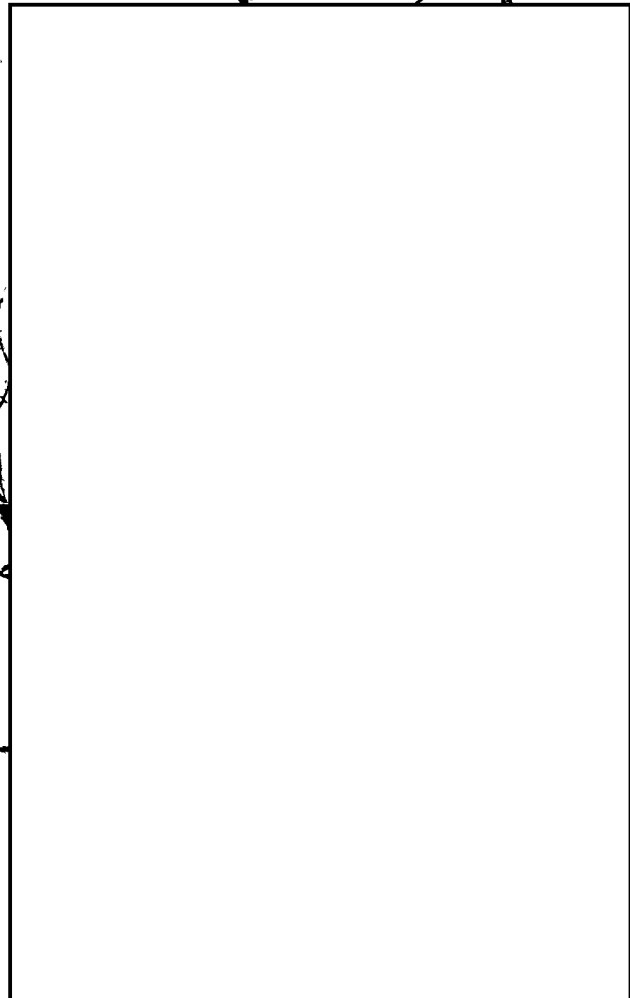
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PAUL DAVID WELLSTONE, aka.  
Paul Wellstone:



CGR--DISTURBANCE AND OBSTRUCTION AT  
FEDERAL BUILDING, MINNEAPOLIS,  
MINNESOTA, MAY 7, 1970

MP 70-5590

with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 13, Section 624.72 MCC, 1963 as amended which is interference with the use of public property and carries a maximum penalty of one year or \$1,000 or both.

On May 7, 1970, subjects appeared before U. S. Commissioner, Minneapolis, and were released on \$500.00 personal recognizance bond with condition preventing further public disorder.

On May 8, 1970, U. S. Attorney ROBERT G. RENNER requested the FBI as the investigative arm of the federal government to prepare this matter for trial as he was of the opinion that the defense would be based on the defendants' right to petition the government for a redress of grievances to the federal government under the first amendment of the Constitution. If acquitted he could foresee the potential blockage of federal buildings throughout the country. In view of the importance of this matter, its ramifications, and the obvious need for considerable investigation, the Minneapolis Office acceded to the request of the U. S. Attorney.

Subject [redacted] pled guilty before U. S. Commissioner, May 13, 1970. Sentencing continued. Charges against Subject [redacted] dismissed on May 15, 1970. All remaining subjects tried U. S. District Court, Minneapolis June 8 through 10 before jury. Guilty verdict returned June 10, 1970 on all subjects except [redacted] who was acquitted. Subjects found guilty were sentenced June 12, 1970 each to \$35.00 or five days.

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Report will be submitted following imposition of sentence which was stayed for most subjects until July 6, 1970.

Minneapolis should be credited with 86 convictions noting that [redacted] has pled guilty; however, has not been sentenced but is included in this number.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	DATE <b>7/24/70</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/8 - 7/15/70</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>mew</b>
CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CGR - DISTURBANCE AND OBSTRUCTION AT FEDERAL BUILDING, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, MAY 7, 1970</b>		b6 b7C	

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## REFERENCE

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Minneapolis airtel to Bureau dated 6/16/70.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

A disposition sheet has been submitted on each subject.

Convictions were previously reported in referenced airtel and therefore, are not being claimed on this report.

## LEAD

## MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
			MP \$2,275					PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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1 - USA, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2 - Minneapolis (70-5590)

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AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Will follow and report the results of imposition of sentences which were continued by the court.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Report of: [REDACTED]

Date: July 24, 1970

Office: Minneapolis  
Minnesota

Field Office File #: 70-5590

Bureau File #:

Title: [REDACTED]

ET AL

Character: CRIME ON GOVERNMENT RESERVATION - DISTURBANCE AND  
OBSTRUCTION AT FEDERAL BUILDING, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA  
MAY 7, 1970

Synopsis:

On 5/7/70 about 100 students protesting the Vietnam war blocked entrances to the Federal Office Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Protestors refusing to move were arrested and charged with violation of Title 40, USC, Section 318a. On 5/7/70 subjects appeared before U. S. Commissioner and were released on \$500 personal recognizance bond. On 6/10/70 subjects were found guilty, following jury trial with exception of subject [REDACTED] who was acquitted; subject [REDACTED] who was dismissed; and subject [REDACTED] who pled guilty before the U. S. Commissioner. On 6/12/70 subjects sentenced to \$35 fine or five days. On 7/15/70 U. S. Marshal advised 65 of the subjects paid \$35 fine, the remainder having served five days, with the exception of two, which have been continued, and two, who have not complied with sentence. Descriptions of subjects set forth.

DETAILS:

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all but [REDACTED] & sentenced  
[REDACTED] recorded for June  
[REDACTED] & his  
sentence recorded for Aug

MP 70-5590

On May 7, 1970, approximately 100 students and sympathizers from Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges, Northfield, Minnesota, came to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they staged a demonstration protesting the Vietnam war and United States involvement in Cambodia. This group blocked the entrances and exits to the Federal Office Building, preventing the public and employees from entering. Persons who refused to move from the doorways after ordered to do so were arrested at the direction of the United States Attorney.

Those arrested were charged with violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 318a, in that they obstructed the usual use of entrances and corridors, by disturbing the public employees in the performance of their duties, and by impeding or disturbing the general public from obtaining the administrative services provided.

On May 7, 1970, the subjects appeared before United States Commissioner BERNARD G. ZIMPFER, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at which time they were released on a \$500 personal recognizance bond, with the condition of preventing further public disorder.

On May 13, 1970, subject [ ] pled guilty before United States Commissioner ZIMPFER, at which time sentencing was continued indefinitely. [ ] was notified by letter from Commissioner ZIMPFER following the conviction of the others in Federal District Court that her sentence would be five days or a \$35 fine. [ ] paid the \$35 fine.

On May 15, 1970, the charge against [ ] was dismissed.

On June 8, 1970, a jury trial commenced for the remaining subjects, which trial concluded on June 10, 1970. All subjects, with the exception of [ ] were found guilty as charged. b6  
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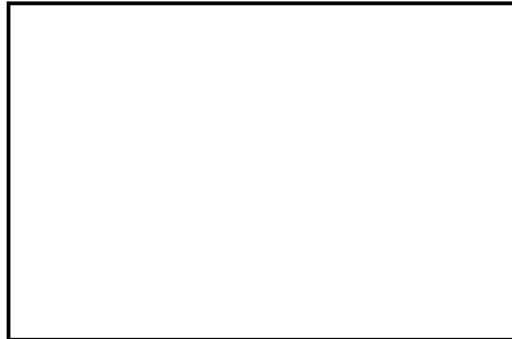
On June 12, 1970, United States District Judge PHILLIP NEVILLE imposed a sentence of \$35 or five days on each subject and stayed the imposition of sentence until July 6, 1970.

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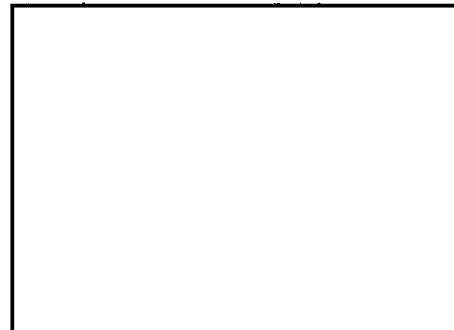
On July 15, 1970, Deputy United States Marshal [redacted] advised that 65 of the subjects had paid the \$35 fine, for a total of \$2,275. He stated the imposition of sentence for [redacted] was continued until August 20, 1970, and for [redacted] until September 21, 1970. He further advised subjects [redacted] and [redacted] had failed to comply with the imposition of sentence. All remaining subjects have served jail sentences.

The following descriptions were obtained from the records of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office:

Name  
Sex  
Race  
Nationality  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
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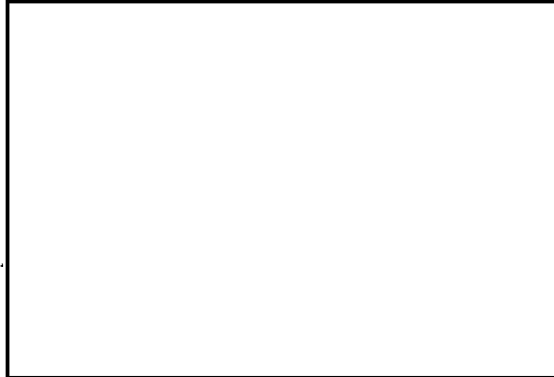
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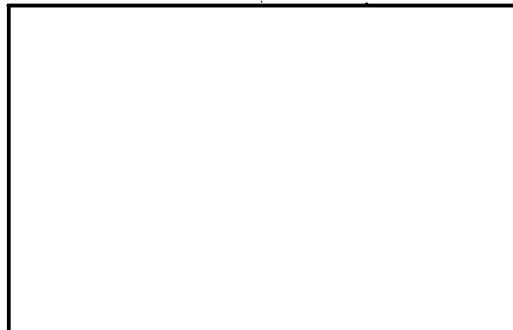
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Date of Birth  
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PAUL DAVID WELLSTONE  
White  
Male  
American  
July 21, 1944  
Washington, D. C.  
5'6"  
150 pounds  
Brown  
Brown

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	DATE <b>9/30/70</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/25/70</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>[REDACTED], aka; ET AL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>cmm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CGR - DISTURBANCE AND OBSTRUCTION AT FEDERAL BUILDING, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, MAY 7, 1970</b>	

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b7CREFERENCEMinneapolis report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 7/24/70.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A disposition sheet has been submitted on each subject.

Convictions were previously recorded by Minneapolis airtel to the Bureau, dated June 16, 1970, and therefore, are not being claimed on this report.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
			<b>MP \$105.00</b>				PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED <b>[Signature]</b> COPIES MADE <b>[Signature]</b>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
② - Bureau (70-52311) 1 - USA, Minneapolis, Minnesota 1 - Minneapolis (70-5590)						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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						<b>NOT RECORDED</b>	
						<b>6 OCT 5 1970</b>	
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Report of: [REDACTED]

Date:

September 30, 1970

Office: Minneapolis,  
Minnesota

Field Office File #: 70-5590

Bureau File #: 70-52311

Title:

ET AL

Character:

CRIME ON GOVERNMENT RESERVATION - DISTURBANCE AND  
OBSTRUCTION AT FEDERAL BUILDING, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA  
MAY 7, 1970

Synopsis:

On 9/25/70 Deputy U.S. Marshal advised subject [REDACTED]  
served jail sentence starting 8/20/70. Subjects [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] paid \$35 fines on 9/21/70.b6  
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DETAILS:

On September 25, 1970, Deputy United States Marshal,  
[REDACTED] advised that subject [REDACTED] served a five-day  
jail sentence commencing August 20, 1970.He further advised on September 21, 1970, subjects [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] paid fines of \$35.00 each.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

DATE: 6/4/70

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-5596) (P)

SUBJECT: PAUL DAVID WELLSTONE, aka  
Paul Wellstone  
CGR - DISTURBANCE AND OBSTRUCTION  
AT FEDERAL BUILDING  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA  
5/7/70

Enclosed to the Bureau is one copy of Hennepin County, Minnesota, Sheriff's Office fingerprint card of subject.

The above enclosure is furnished to the Bureau as set forth in instructions stamped on Bureau Form 1-17 dated May 13, 1970.

For further information of the Bureau, subject is presently on a personal recognizance bond, and it is not felt advisable at the present time to attempt to locate him for fingerprint purposes.

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My Upset has son Persian Gulf  
yelling about Sen Wellstone / if Sen  
dies Wellstone will be killing him  
if Sen dies, will kill Wellstone  
he won't be in for six years  
because he won't be <sup>in office for next</sup> 6 years

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medium voice

working / type

good grammar

may be able

Local call / clear

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# MEMORANDUM

Date: 1/14/91

TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS  
FROM: SSA [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: Authorization to Open and Assign  
Below-Listed Case

## OPEN A CASE

CLASS: 9 ALPHA: A CASE SQUAD: 6 OO: MP

ASSIGNED TO: [REDACTED] STATUS: P

TITLE: UNSUB; PAUL WELLSTONE, U.S. SENATOR -  
VICTIM; EXTORTION (A)  
OO: MP

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CASE TYPE: - (C)ONTROL / (D)ECLINATION / (R)ECORD CHECK / (Z)ERO  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/15/91

[redacted] DOB [redacted] SSAN [redacted]  
[redacted] Edina, Minnesota, telephone [redacted] was  
advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose  
of the interview. She then furnished the following information:

[redacted] is employed as a receptionist at Senator PAUL  
WELLSTONE's office, 2401 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.  
She has held her present position for approximately one week.  
Previous to this, she worked part-time as a staffer on the  
WELLSTONE campaign committee.

On 1/14/91 at approximately 5:15 p.m. [redacted]  
received a phone call at WELLSTONE's office on telephone line  
612-659-0103. The caller advised that he had a son in the  
Persian Gulf, and that WELLSTONE was killing the American troops  
by failing to back the President. The caller continued to say  
that if his son in the Persian Gulf dies, then WELLSTONE will  
die. The caller then asked how much longer WELLSTONE will be in  
office. [redacted] replied six years, at which time the caller  
replied "he won't be around that long."

[redacted] then held the phone up and advised [redacted]  
[redacted] WELLSTONE's State Director, that she had a threatening  
phone call. By the time [redacted] came over to her, the caller had  
hung up. [redacted] believed the call lasted approximately one and  
a half minutes. The caller's voice did not sound familiar to  
her, and she further advised that her office answers 300 to 600  
phone calls per day. [redacted] believed that the call was local.

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[redacted] described the caller as follows:

white male  
loud and yelling voice  
midwestern accent  
angry and passionate rhetoric  
good grammar  
possibly a blue collar worker

Investigation on 1/15/91 at ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA File # 89A-MP-32406

by SA [redacted] <sup>SAP</sup> SAP Date dictated 1/15/91

# Memorandum



To : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

Date 1/17/91

From :

IA [redacted]

Subject:

[redacted] 9A-MP-32406  
SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE - VICTIM  
ASSASSINATION, KIDNAP, ASSAULT  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

On January 17, 1990, at approximately 8:10 A.M., [redacted] receptionist, Senator PAUL WELLSTONE's Office, 2401 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, telephone 659-0103, advised on January 17, 1990, at approximately 8:00 A.M., she received telephone call from an individual, who threatened Senator WELLSTONE. b6  
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The male caller identified himself as [redacted] address not given. [redacted] stated he lives in Minneapolis, works for a large company and is "proud of the war". [redacted] further stated, in part, that "Senator WELLSTONE could be assassinated but not by me but by upper levels of government."

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☐ Immediate  
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☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
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Date 1/17/91

FM FBI MINNEAPOLIS (89A-MP-32422) (P)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3480//

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"; UNSUB; PAUL WELLSTONE, U.S. SENATOR -  
 VICTIM; ASSAULT - MEMBER OF CONGRESS (A); OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

TITLE MARKED "CHANGED" TO REFLECT THE NEW CLASSIFICATION  
 OF "ASSAULT - MEMBER OF CONGRESS." THE INITIAL CLASSIFICATION  
 WAS SHOWN AS EXTORTION.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR DATED 1/15/91,  
 AND TELCALL FROM SSA  FBIHQ, VIOLENT CRIMES  
 UNIT, TO MINNEAPOLIS ON 1/16/91.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ALL FUTURE  
 COMMUNICATIONS IN THIS MATTER WILL BE UNDER THE CLASSIFICATION  
 "ASSAULT - MEMBER OF CONGRESS."

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## PRECEDENCE:

☒ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
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☒ UNCLAS

Date 1/15/91

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TO DIRECTOR FBI/IMMEDIATE/

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CITE: //2770//

PASS: BUREAU: VIOLENT CRIMES SECTION.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE-VICTIM; THREATENING  
 PHONE CALL; AFO; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON 1/14/91, AT APPROXIMATELY 5:15 P.M., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECEPTIONIST AT SENATOR WELLSTONE'S FORMER CAMPAIGN  
 OFFICE, 2401 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, RECEIVED  
 A PHONE CALL THREATENING THE LIFE OF THE SENATOR. THE PHONE  
 CALL CAME IN ON TELEPHONE LINE 612/659-0103.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE CALLER WAS HIGHLY UPSET OVER HIS  
 SON BEING IN THE PERSIAN GULF. THE CALLER ALSO STATED THAT

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SHP-KRApproved: [Signature]Original filename: 89A-MP-32422-5Time Received: [Signature]Telprep filename: RKR00250.015MRI/JULIAN DATE: 1690/015ISN: 004FOX DATE & TIME OF ACCEPTANCE: 1815Z 1/15/91

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SENATOR WELLSTONE WAS KILLING THE AMERICAN TROOPS BY FAILING TO BACK THE PRESIDENT. THE CALLER CONTINUED TO SAY THAT IF HIS SON IN THE PERSIAN GULF DIES, THEN SENATOR WELLSTONE WILL DIE. THE CALLER THEN ASKED HOW LONG SENATOR WELLSTONE WILL BE IN OFFICE. [REDACTED] REPLIED SIX YEARS, TO WHICH THE CALLER REPLIED, "HE WON'T BE AROUND THAT LONG." THE CALL WAS THEN TERMINATED BY THE CALLER.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED THE CALLER AS FOLLOWS:

BELIEVES TO BE A WHITE MALE, MEDIUM TONE VOICE, SOUNDED LIKE A BLUE COLLAR WORKER. b6 b7C

[REDACTED] ADVISED THE CALL WAS CLEAR AND BELIEVED IT TO BE A LOCAL CALL.

ALL PROPER NOTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, TO INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE.

LEAD:

AT WMFO:

WILL DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE THREAT TO SENATOR WELLSTONE TO THE CAPITAL POLICE.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (89A-MP-32422)

Date 1/17/91

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: [redacted]

SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE - VICTIM;  
AFO  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

On 1/17/91, [redacted] Senator WELLSTONE's State Director, was contacted by the writer in regards to numerous phone calls that he has received threatening the Senator's life. [redacted] was advised that it would be more beneficial to institute a trap and trace on the phone lines upon completion of the move to the Senator's new office. ⓧ

[redacted] stated that he agreed with the suggestion, and that he has already made contact with US West Communications Security regarding the phone calls.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (89A-MP-32422)

Date 1/17/91

From : IA [redacted]

Subject : [redacted]

SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

On this date, [redacted] Senator  
WELLSTONE's State Director, [redacted] advised that  
WELLSTONE's St. Paul Office, 2401 University Ave.,  
had received the following threatening calls:

(1) [redacted] Minneapolis ..8.a.m.....  
"You shouldn't be speaking up now. You could be  
assissnated by higher ups in the government.

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(2) [redacted] (ph) - 10:20 a.m. ....  
Marine, MN, [redacted] ..... "If I could, I would ring your  
neck and throttle you."

(3) [redacted] (ph), Faribault, MN. ...  
"If I had a gun, I'd come after you, you SOB."

[redacted] advised that he first attempted to  
contact SA [redacted] St. Paul RA, concerning these calls  
as he has been in contact with him on previous calls.  
Also, [redacted] has reported and is in close contact with  
Capitol Security, Washington, D. C. and with Security, U. S.  
West re tracing calls.

The St. Paul Office of WELLSTONE will be moved  
over the weekend to 2550 University Ave., 645-0323.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (89A-MP-32422) (P) Date 2/5/91

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: [redacted]

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SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE - VICTIM;  
THREATS AGAINST MEMBERS OF CONGRESS  
AFO

On 1/29/91, the writer traveled to the residence of [redacted] Marine, Minnesota, telephone number [redacted] in order to conduct an interview of [redacted] regarding the threats made to Senator WELLSTONE. The attempted contact met with negative results. Later that same day, writer telephonically contacted [redacted] at his residence.

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] advised that he did call Senator WELLSTONE's office approximately one and one-half weeks ago. On his first call, he spoke to a receptionist whom he described as "snotty." He told this secretary "Tell Senator WELLSTONE that if I could, I would ring his neck and throttle him." The receptionist then hung up. CAMPION called back and spoke to another receptionist whom he "polite." He told this receptionist, "Tell Senator WELLSTONE that SADDAM HUSSEIN appreciates what he's doing."

[redacted] advised that he is a Korean War veteran, and that he is upset with Senator WELLSTONE's stand regarding the Persian Gulf War. [redacted] further advised that he meant no harm to Senator WELLSTONE, but just the same would still "like to throttle him" for making the statements that he has.

[redacted] was advised that making threats against members of Congress is a Federal violation. [redacted] stated that he did not intend to physically harm Senator WELLSTONE.

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The writer attempted to make an appointment for an interview with [redacted] however, [redacted] stated that he had just returned from the doctor with his wife and learned that his wife has a tumor. Therefore, due to upcoming medical visits, [redacted] will be unavailable.

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U.S. WEST COMMUNICATIONS advised that there is approximately one full page listing of [REDACTED] in the twin Cities area. There is no listing for a [REDACTED](ph) in the Faribault area.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Suite 1100  
111 Washington Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401  
March 1, 1991

Honorable Jerome G. Arnold  
United States Attorney  
234 Federal Building  
United States Courthouse  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Attention [redacted]  
Assistant United States Attorney

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This letter is to confirm the conversation held by  
Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]  
[redacted], and Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on  
February 19, 1991.

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The facts were discussed as follows: Senator Paul  
Wellstone's Office received numerous telephone calls threatening  
the Senator's life, shortly after the outbreak of the Persian  
Gulf conflict. One of the callers was identified as [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed, and based on the  
statements made by [redacted] during the telephone call and  
subsequent interview, prosecution was declined based on a  
contingent threat.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY J. JAMAR  
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]

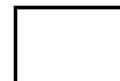
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Date 3/11/91

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTENTION: VIOLENT CRIMES SECTION)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (89A-MP-32422) (C)

SUBJECT : "CHANGED"  
 UNSUB;

[REDACTED] (PHONETIC);

[REDACTED] (PHONETIC);

SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE - VICTIM;  
 ASSAULT - MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
 OO: MINNEAPOLIS

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Title marked "CHANGED" to add names of other subjects. Title previously carried as "UNSUB."

Due to numerous threatening phone calls received at the Senator's office shortly after the outbreak of the Persian Gulf conflict, all instances of the threats were addressed under one main file number.

Of the captioned subjects, [REDACTED]  
 DOB [REDACTED] Marine, Minnesota, was positively identified. Logical investigation regarding subjects [REDACTED] (phonetic) and [REDACTED] (phonetic) proved negative.

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On 2/19/91 AUSA [REDACTED], was advised of the threats and declined prosecution. Detective [REDACTED] U. S. Capitol Police, and [REDACTED] Senator WELLSTONE'S Office Director in Minnesota, were advised of the declination.

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Date 4/4/91

1 TO : SAC, WMFO  
 2 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (89A-MP-32422) (C)  
 3 SUBJECT : [REDACTED] (PH);  
 4 [REDACTED] (PH);  
 5 SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE - VICTIM;  
 6 THREATS AGAINST MEMBERS OF CONGRESS;  
 7 AFO  
 8 OO: MINNEAPOLIS

8 Re telcal of SA [REDACTED] WMFO, to SA [REDACTED]  
 9 [REDACTED] St. Paul RA, on 3/23/91.

10 Enclosed for WMFO are one copy of a memo and letter  
 of declination regarding the captioned matter.

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of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Tape of Wellstone/CCO Interview  
on 2/25/91

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Title:

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

Tape of Threats Against  
Senator Wellstone

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MEMORANDUM

Date: 2/27/91

TO: SAC, [REDACTED]  
FROM: SSA [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: Authorization to Open and Assign  
Below-Listed Case

OPEN A CASE

CLASS: 89

ALPHA: A

CASE SQUAD: 6

OO: MP

ASSIGNED TO: [REDACTED]

STATUS: P

TITLE: UNSUB;  
SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE - VICTIM;  
AFO (A)

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CASE TYPE: - (C)ONTROL / (D)ECLINATION / (R)ECORD CHECK / (Z)ERO  
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OR ADMINISTRATIVE

THREAT 2/25/91 AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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2/27/91  
CML [REDACTED]

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Date 2/27/91

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TO DIRECTOR FBI/IMMEDIATE/

FBI WMFO (89A-MP-32717)/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3480//

PASS: VIOLENT CRIMES SECTION.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE - VICTIM; AFO(A); OO:  
 MINNEAPOLIS.

ON FEBRUARY 27, 1991, DETECTIVE [REDACTED] UNITED  
 STATES CAPITOL POLICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., PROVIDED THE  
 FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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ON FEBRUARY 26, 1991, MS. [REDACTED] RECEPTIONIST, SENATOR  
 WELLSTONE'S CAPITOL HILL OFFICE (SH-123, 4-5641), PROVIDED THE  
 CAPITOL HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH THREE RECORDED MESSAGES  
 RECEIVED ON THE OFFICE "VOICE MAIL". THE MESSAGES WERE

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RECEIVED AFTER 1800 HOURS, ON FEBRUARY 25, 1991, AND WERE IN REFERENCE TO A RADIO INTERVIEW AIRED ON WCCO RADIO IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AT APPROXIMATELY 1940 HOURS EASTERN STANDARD TIME. THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE CALLER STATED, (MESSAGE ONE) "HEY, YOU CANDY-ASSED SON-OF-A-BITCH, I'M JUST LISTENING TO YOU ON WCCO RADIO, AND YOU FUCKHEAD, YOU'LL NEVER GET BACK TO MINNESOTA ALIVE YOU BASTARD." (MESSAGE TWO) "YOU LITTLE SON-OF-A-BITCH, I JUST HEARD YOU ON THE RADIO, THIS IS FEBRUARY 25TH AND I HEARD YOUR CANDY-ASSED, CREEPY LITTLE COMMENT ABOUT HOW YOU ARE GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS. YOU FUCKHEAD, YOU STAY IN WASHINGTON. IF YOU EVER GET BACK TO MINNESOTA, I'LL KILL YOU, YOU SON-OF-A-BITCH." (MESSAGE THREE) "I'M CALLING ABOUT AN HOUR AND ONE-HALF AFTER THE SCUD ATTACK ON THE U.S. BARRACKS AND MAYBE ABOUT A HALF HOUR AFTER YOUR STUPID COMMENTS ON WCCO RADIO, AND YOU LITTLE FUCKIN SON-OF-A-BITCH, IF YOU EVER GET BACK HERE, YOU'RE DEAD MEAT."

MS. [ ] STATED SHE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE VOICES BEING THAT OF A REGULAR CALLER.

MS. [ ] PRESS SECRETARY IN THE SENATOR'S CAPITOL HILL OFFICE, ADVISED THAT SHE WAS PRESENT WITH THE

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SENATOR WHEN HE DID THE LIVE INTERVIEW ON WCCO RADIO. MS.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE SENATOR MADE A STATEMENT THAT MAY HAVE UPSET HIS CONSTITUENCY; HOWEVER, SHE CANNOT REMEMBER THE EXACT STATEMENT.

ON FEBRUARY 27, 1991, AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 A.M., SA

[REDACTED] MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED

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SA [REDACTED] OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE AT MINNEAPOLIS OF THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE CAPTIONED THREATS.

MINNEAPOLIS IS CONTINUING ITS INVESTIGATION.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Suite 1100  
111 Washington Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401  
March 4, 1991

Honorable Jerome Arnold  
United States Attorney  
234 Federal Building  
110 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Attention: Mr. [REDACTED]  
Assistant U. S. Attorney

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This letter is to confirm the conversation held between  
Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED], and  
Special Agent [REDACTED] on March 4, 1991. The facts were  
set forth as follows:

On February 25, 1991, Senator Paul Wellstone's office  
in Washington, D. C., received three threatening phone calls on  
their voice mail shortly after the Senator was interviewed on  
WCCO radio. The caller did not identify himself and the recorded  
voice of the caller was unfamiliar to office personnel. Based on  
the aforementioned facts, AUSA [REDACTED] declined prosecution.

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Sincerely yours,

JEFFREY J. JAMAR  
Special Agent in Charge

By: *CAP*

[REDACTED]  
Supervisory Special Agent

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① - Minneapolis (89A-MP-32717)  
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Date 3/12/91

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTENTION: VIOLENT CRIMES SECTION)  
 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (89A-MP-32717) (C)  
 SUBJECT : UNSUB;  
 SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE - VICTIM;  
 AFO  
 OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Minneapolis teletype to Bureau dated 2/27/91.

On 3/1/91 Assistant U. S. Attorney [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], was advised of the threats made against Senator  
 WELLSTONE and declined prosecution.

On 3/4/91 Detective [REDACTED] U. S.  
 CAPITOL POLICE, and [REDACTED] Senator WELLSTONE'S  
 Office Director in Minnesota, were advised of the declination.

Minneapolis considers this matter closed.

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On March 4, 1991, the writer, SA [redacted] received two cassette tapes regarding threats made against Senator [redacted]. The tape recordings were sent by Detective [redacted] United States Capitol Police, Washington, D.d C. Attached hereto is a letter from Detective [redacted]

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The tapes were reviewed and have been placed in 1A's in the file.

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UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7218

February 27, 1991

S/A [REDACTED]  
683 Federal Building  
316 North Robert Street  
St. Paul. MN 55101

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Dear S/A [REDACTED]

The inclosed is a copy of the message left on the Capitol's Office Voice Mail that we had discussed. Also enclosed is a copy of the Senator's interview on WCCO Radio.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call on me at (202)-224-1495.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Detective [REDACTED]  
Special Investigations Division  
Threat Assessment Section

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on February 27, 1991, at St. Paul, Minnesota:

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U.S. WEST COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY was contacted in regard to running a reverse trace on Senator WELLSTONE's phone line, 202-224-5641. U.S. WEST advised that due to the number of switching companies involved, it would not be possible to run a reverse trace on the line.

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SAP:ska

(1) *[Signature]*

Detective Attached hereto are copies of a facsimile provided by  
 U.S. CAPITOL POLICE, Washington, D.C.

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## UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

Report of Investigation

Complainant: Senator Paul Wellstone (MN) Occurrence Date: 02/25/91

Case Type: Threat CFN: n/a CCN: n/a PSD: 91-T-0161

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN, SEX: Male.

On 02/26/91, Ms. [ ] Receptionist in Senator Wellstone's Capitol Hill Office (SH-123, 4-5641), supplied the TAS with three recorded messages received on the Office "Voice Mail." The messages were received after 1800 hours, on 02/25/91, and were in reference to a radio interview aired on WCCO Radio in Minneapolis. MN at approximately 1940 hours EST. The unidentified male caller stated:

- 1) "Hey, you candy-assed son-of-a-bitch, I'm just listening to you on WCCO Radio, and you fuck-head you'll never get back to Minnesota alive you bastard."
- 2) "You little son-of-a-bitch I just heard you on the Radio, this is February 25th and I heard your candy-assed, creepy little comment about how your going to get out of this. You fuck-head, you stay in Washington, if you ever get back to Minnesota I'll kill you, you son-of-a-bitch!"
- 3) "I'm calling about an hour and a half after the scud attack on the U.S. barracks and maybe about a half an hour after your stupid comments on WCCO Radio, and you little fuck'n son-of-a-bitch, if you ever get back here you're dead meat!"

[ ] stated that she did not recognize the voice as being that of a regular caller.

Ms. [ ] Press Secretary in the Senator's Capitol Hill Office, advised Det. [ ] that she was present with the Senator when he did the live interview on WCCO Radio. Ms. [ ] stated that the Senator made one statement that may have upset his constituency; however, she could not remember the exact statement. Ms. [ ] informed Det. [ ] that she will either obtain a recorded copy of the Senator's interview or obtain the information from the Senator and forward it to Det. [ ]

Det. [ ] attempted to contact S/A [ ] FBI, Minneapolis, MN Field Office concerning the threatening calls; however, S/A [ ] will not return to duty until 02/27/91. b6  
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STATUS: (XX)OPEN ( )CLOSED ( )OTHER/SUSP. Page 1 of 2 Pages

Investigator: Det. [ ] Date: 02/26/91

Supervisor: [ ]/TAS Date: 02/26/91

[ ] Sgt. [ ] TAS



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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases

Character of case

U.S. SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE  
- VICTIM -;  
AFO;  
OO: MP

AFO

Complainant ☐ Protect Source

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 1/8/91 Time 4:50 PM

Address of subject

2550 UNIVERSITY AVE ST. PAUL  
SEN WELLSTONE'S OFFICE 645-0323

STILLWATER, MN

Subject's Description	Race	W	Sex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age				Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Social Security Number
	Scars, marks or other data							

Facts of complaint

SUBJECT CONTACTED COMPLAINANT BY TELEPHONE TODAY. SUBJECT COMPLAINED ABOUT HIS VA BENEFITS AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE. HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET HIS BENEFITS FOR 13 YEARS. SUBJECT TOLD COMPLAINANT HE WAS FED UP AND IF HE DIDN'T GET THE BENEFITS SOON (WITHIN A WEEK), HE WOULD GET A GUN AND COME DOWN AND START SHOOTING. COMPLAINANT RESPONDED THAT YOU CAN'T CALL A FEDERAL OFFICIAL AND MAKE THREATS. SUBJECT DID NOT BACK AWAY FROM HIS THREATS. COMPLAINANT OBTAINED BACKGROUND INFO FROM SUBJECT. SUBJECT TOLD COMPLAINANT HE HAS CRIMINAL BACKGROUND. COMPLAINANT CALLED LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN STILLWATER. AUTHORITIES THERE ARE FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT AND SAID THAT HE COMES TO THEIR OFFICE OFTEN. THEIR SECRETARIES ARE AFRAID OF SUBJECT AND FEEL HE IS UNSTABLE. COMPLAINANT IS CONCERNED THAT SUBJECT MAY ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS THREATS AND ADVISED THAT SENATOR WELLSTONE IS CURRENTLY IN TOWN.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS 89A-MP-34627 Date 1/8/92

From : IA [redacted]

Subject: [redacted]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 1/8/92 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Mr. [redacted] telephonically contacted the St. Paul RA. [redacted] advised he works in Senator WELLSTONE'S office located at 2550 University Avenue, Suite 100N, St. Paul, Minnesota 55114, telephone 645-0323.

[redacted] had received a call earlier today from [redacted] [redacted] indicated that he has talked to [redacted] in the past as [redacted] has been trying to get VA benefits for the past several years. During the call on this date [redacted] stated, "If I don't get something handled this week I'm going to load my gun next week and start shooting."

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] provided him with the following background information:

Name  
Address  
  
Telephone  
SSAN  
DOB  
POB

[redacted]

[redacted] contacted [redacted] Washington County Service Representative for the VA, telephone [redacted] regarding [redacted] advised that [redacted] has a criminal background and is possibly mentally unstable. [redacted] indicated that his secretary refused to be in a room alone with [redacted]

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[redacted] requested that an Agent contact him as soon as possible regarding this matter.

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c/A [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Date 1/13/92

FM FBI MINNEAPOLIS (89A-MP-34627) (C)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3480//

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] U.S. SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE -  
 VICTIM; AFO; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON 1/8/92, SUBJECT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STAFF MEMBER AT SENATOR WELLSTONE'S OFFICE AT 2550  
 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, REQUESTING HIS HELP IN  
 OBTAINING VA BENEFITS THE SUBJECT BELIEVES HE IS ENTITLED TO.  
 ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE SUBJECT BECAME ANGRY AT ONE POINT  
 IN THE CONVERSATION AND STATED, "IF YOU DON'T DO SOMETHING BY  
 THE END OF THE WEEK, I'LL GET A GUN AND COME DOWN AND START  
 SHOOTING". DURING THE INITIAL CONVERSATION, SUBJECT PROVIDED  
 HIS NAME AND ADDRESS.

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DURING THE INTERVIEW BY FBI MINNEAPOLIS ON 1/9/92. SUBJECT ADMITTED THE TELEPHONE CALL BUT DENIED INTENDING TO THREATEN THE SENATOR OR ANYONE ON HIS STAFF. SUBJECT RECALLS MAKING A STATEMENT IN EFFECT TO, "WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO, GET A GUN AND HANDLE IT MYSELF." SUBJECT WAS ADVISED OF THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE AFO STATEMENT. SUBJECT SAID, "IT WOULD NOT HAPPEN AGAIN." HOWEVER, DISPLAYED AN IRRITATED ATTITUDE THAT HIS REMARKS COULD HAVE BEEN CONSTITUTED AS THREATENING.

A RECORDS CHECK REFLECT A 1986 CHILD MOLESTATION CONVICTION FOR SUBJECT FOR WHICH HE IS CURRENTLY ON PAROLE. CONTACT WITH HIS PAROLE OFFICE, [REDACTED] WASHINGTON COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT, DISCLOSED SUBJECT HAS FAILED TO COMPLETE TREATMENT AND IS CLASSIFIED AS A PEDOPHILE. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] SUBJECT HAS A HISTORY OF FILING COMPLAINTS AND BEING INVOLVED IN MINOR VERBAL ALTERCATIONS.

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THE ABOVE FACTS PRESENTED TO AUSA [REDACTED] ON 1/9/92, WHO STATED THEY DO NOT CONSTITUTE A FEDERAL VIOLATION SUFFICIENT FOR FEDERAL PROSECUTION.

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SA [REDACTED] U.S. SECRET SERVICE PROVIDED BACKGROUND  
AND CIRCUMSTANCE ON 1/9/92.

SUBJECT DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] SSAN

[REDACTED] WITH CURRENT ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MINNESOTA.

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MINNEAPOLIS CONDUCTING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

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Date of transcription 1/16/92

[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of his uncle, [redacted] at his uncle's residence, [redacted], Minnesota.

[redacted] stated he made a telephone call to Senator WELLSTONE's office on January 8, 1992, for his assistance in getting VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) benefits that he believed he is entitled to. [redacted] said the VA owes him over \$40,000 for a rare Oriental disease he contracted while in the NAVY. During the conversation, [redacted] admitted getting angry and stating, in effect, "What do I have to do, go out and get a gun and take care of it myself?" [redacted] said he did not intend to threaten the Senator nor anyone in his office. He denied stating, "If you don't do something by the end of the week, I'll get a gun and come down and start shooting." [redacted] called the Senator's office because he read that the Senator had helped someone else with their VA benefits.

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[redacted] is on state parole for a child molestation conviction. His Parole Officer is [redacted]

[redacted] also related that he actually resides at the below listed address but frequently uses his uncle's as a point of contact.

[redacted] was advised of the applicable provisions of the Assault on a Federal Officer Statute, as it pertains to threats against a U.S. Senator. He was additionally advised that *MAKING* threats in general could also constitute a state violation.

The following background was obtained through observation and interview:

Name  
Race  
Sex  
Date of birth  
Social Security #

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Investigation on 1/9/92 at Oak Park Heights, Minnesota File # 89A-MP-34627-5

by SA [redacted] *sk* Date dictated 1/13/92

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Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Address

Parents

Contact

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CITE: //3480//

PASS: CID, VCMOS.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; TELEPHONIC THREAT AGAINST SENATOR PAUL  
WELLSTONE; AFO; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON OCTOBER 12, 1995, [ ] MINNESOTA POLITICAL  
LEAGUE, CONTACTED THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION TO REPORT A MESSAGE  
RECEIVED ON AN OFFICE VOICE MAIL. [ ] ADVISED THAT ON  
OCTOBER 3, 1995, AT 10:12 P.M., A MALE CALLER STATED, "THE  
ONLY GOOD DEMOCRAT IS A DEAD DEMOCRAT. WELLSTONE OUGHT TO  
HAVE A BULLET BETWEEN HIS EYES." [ ] STATED HIS OFFICE HAS

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HAD NO SIMILAR CALLS AND DID NOT DECIDE TO REPORT THE INCIDENT  
UNTIL THIS DATE.

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION CONTACTED SENATOR WELLSTONE'S OFFICE  
MANAGER, [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] ON OCTOBER 12,  
1995, AT 11:45 A.M. TO REPORT THIS INCIDENT. LOCAL USSS  
OFFICE CONTACTED AT 12:05 P.M., THIS DATE, AND REPORTED  
INFORMATION TO SA [REDACTED]

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

☒ Teletype  
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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☒ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
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Date 2/8/96

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: FBIHQ VC/FU (SSA )b6  
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SUBJECT: UNSUB; TELEPHONIC THREAT AGAINST SENATOR PAUL  
 WELLSTONE; AFO; OO: WMFO.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED 10/12/95, (89-  
 0 CLASSIFICATION).

REFERENCED TELETYPE REPORTED THE OCCURRENCE OF A  
 THREATENING MESSAGE RECEIVED ON THE VOICE MAIL SYSTEM AT THE  
 MINNESOTA POLITICAL LEAGUE, ON 10/03/95 AT 10:12 P.M. THE  
 UNSUB MALE CALLER STATED THE FOLLOWING IN PART, "...THE ONLY  
 GOOD DEMOCRAT IS A DEAD DEMOCRAT. WELLSTONE OUGHT TO HAVE A  
 BULLET BETWEEN HIS EYES

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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION REPORTED THAT THE MINNESOTA POLITICAL LEAGUE HAD RECEIVED NO SIMILAR CALLS AND WAITED UNTIL 10/12/95 TO REPORT THE INITIAL CALL. MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION CONTACTED THE LOCAL USSS FIELD OFFICE AND SENATOR WELLSTONE'S DISTRICT OFFICE MANAGER, AND REPORTED NEGATIVE RESULTS IN ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY THE CAPTIONED UNSUB.

WMFO HAS MAINTAINED LIAISON WITH THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE (USCP) AND NO FURTHER THREATENING TELEPHONE CONTACTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AGAINST SENATOR WELLSTONE. USCP ADVISED THAT THIS CASE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED BY THEIR AGENCY.

DUE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED DETAILS, WMFO IS PLACING THIS MATTER IN A CLOSED STATUS.

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PASS: FBIHQ VC/EH (89A [REDACTED])

SUBJECT: UNSUB; TELEPHONIC THREAT AGAINST SENATOR PAUL

WELLSTONE; AFO: OO: WMFO

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED 10/12/95, (89-  
6 CLASSIFICATION).

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UNSUB MALE CALLER STATED THE FOLLOWING IN PART, " THE ONLY  
GOOD DEMOCRAT IS A DEAD DEMOCRAT. WELLSTONE OUGHT TO HAVE A

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BULLET BETWEEN HIS EYES . . ."

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SUBJECT NAME: Sen. Paul Wellstone

SSA'S INITIALS: [Signature]

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: VCU-CID.

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SUBJECT: UNSUB; SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE-VICTIM; CCSCAKA;

OO:WMFO.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, MS. [REDACTED] SENATOR  
WELLSTONE'S STAFF ASSISTANT, ADVISED THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL  
POLICE (USCP) THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE LEFT A MESSAGE ON THE  
SENATOR'S OFFICE VOICE MAIL WHERE IN HE STATED IN PART "I AM  
WATCHING YOU SENATOR, AND I'M GOING TO KILL YOU WITHIN THE  
WEEK". [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE CALL WAS RECORDED ON 2/3/95.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THE USCP ON 2/6/95.

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THE SENATOR HAS BEEN AFFORDED A PROTECTION DETAIL FOR THE  
WEEK OF 2/6/95.

WMFO WILL REMAIN OFFICE OF ORIGIN IN VIEW OF THE FACT  
THAT THERE ARE NO LEADS AT THIS TIME.

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☒ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
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Date 2/7/95

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: VCU-CID.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE-VICTIM; CCSCAKA;  
 OO:WMFO.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, MS.  SENATOR

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 WATCHING YOU SENATOR, AND I'M GOING TO KILL YOU WITHIN THE  
 WEEK".  ADVISED THAT THE CALL WAS RECORDED ON 2/3/95.

 ADVISED THE USCP ON 2/6/95.Approved: AM

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THE SENATOR HAS BEEN AFFORDED A PROTECTION DETAIL FOR THE  
WEEK OF 2/6/95.

WMFO WILL REMAIN OFFICE OF ORIGIN IN VIEW OF THE FACT  
THAT THERE ARE NO LEADS AT THIS TIME. ~~WMFO will monitor~~

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~~this matter brought to U.S.C.P. regarding any additional  
telephone calls.~~

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☒ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

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CITE: //3920//

SUBJECT: UNSUB; SENATOR PAUL WELLSTON-VICTIM; CCSCAKA;

OO:WMFO

REFERENCE WMFO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED 2/8/95.

CAPTIONED MATTER WAS OPENED WHEN UNSUB LEFT A MESSAGE ON  
 THE SENATOR'S ANSWERING MACHINE AND STATED "I'M GOING TO KILL  
 YOU WITHIN A WEEK".

THE SENATOR WAS AFFORDED A PROTECTION DETAIL, BUT NO  
 OVERT ACTION WAS TAKEN TO HARM THE SENATOR.

IN CONCURRENCE WITH THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE, THIS MATTER  
 IS BEING CLOSED AT THIS TIME AS NO ADDITIONAL THREATS HAVE  
 BEEN RECEIVED AT THE SENATOR'S RESIDENCE OR OFFICE.

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THIS MATTER WILL BE REOPENED AT SUCH TIME THAT ANY  
ADDITIONAL CALLS ARE RECEIVED WHICH MAY PROVIDE LEADS TO HELP  
DEVELOP A SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER.

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CITE: //3920//

SUBJECT: UNSUB; SENATOR PAUL WELLSTON-VICTIM; CCSCAKA;

OO:WMFO.

REFERENCE WMFO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED 2/8/95.

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THE SENATOR WAS AFFORDED A PROTECTION DETAIL, BUT NO OVERT ACTION WAS TAKEN TO HARM THE SENATOR.

IN CONCURRENCE WITH THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE, THIS MATTER IS BEING CLOSED AT THIS TIME AS NO ADDITIONAL THREATS HAVE

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BEEN RECEIVED AT THE SENATOR'S RESIDENCE OR OFFICE.

THIS MATTER WILL BE REOPENED AT SUCH TIME THAT ANY  
ADDITIONAL CALLS ARE RECEIVED WHICH MAY PROVIDE LEADS TO HELP  
DEVELOP A SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER.

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**THREAT ASSESSMENT SECTION  
INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION SHEET**

CLASSIFICATION: Implied ThreatTAS#: 96-T-0929COMPLAINANT: Senator Paul Wellstone (MN)OFFICE ADDRESS: CAP: SH-717 HSOB DIST: Minneapolis, MNCampaign, HOTELEPHONE: 224-5641 612-643-0828DET. NOTIFIED: [REDACTED] PIN#: [REDACTED] DATE: 10/26/96 TIME: 1330NOTIFIED BY: Off. [REDACTED] POSITION: Operation DivisionREPORTED BY: S/A [REDACTED] POSITION: USSS, Minn., MNDATE OF THREAT: 10/26/96 TIME: Unk LOCATION: Two HarborsTYPE OF THREAT: TEL: XXXX LETTER:     VERBAL:     OTHER:    THREATENING STATEMENT: "Wellstone will be dead."b6  
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SUSPECT INFO: UNKNOWN, SEX: Unknown.

## NOTIFICATIONS:

OFFICE:	TELE:	DATE:	TIME:	NAME:	TNT:
TAS Official	224-1495	10/28/96		In box	WJZ
PID Commander	224-5468	10/26/96	1600	Capt. [REDACTED]	WJZ
PSB Commander	224-9825	10/26/96	1440	D/C [REDACTED]	WJZ
DPD Official	224-7910	10/28/96	0730	Faxed	WJZ
Walch Commander	224-0908	10/26/96	1515	Insp. [REDACTED]	WJZ
Chief's Office	224-9806	10/26/96	1445	C.O.P.	WJZ
FBI Liaison	252-6017	10/26/96	1411	Liaison	WJZ
USSS Liaison	435-5838	10/28/96		FAXED	WJZ
SSA	224-2341	10/26/96	1530	Mr. [REDACTED]	WJZ

Investigative status: FBI has been notified. Investigation continuing.

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FROM:

Detective [REDACTED]

Threat Assessment Section

OFFICE: (202) 224-1495

FAX: (202) 224-0919

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DET. [REDACTED]

USCP, 224-1495

Notified AT 1135 hrs on 10/28/96

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/26/1996

To: CID

Attn: SA [REDACTED]  
VCMO, VCFU, Room 5042

WFO

From: Minneapolis

Squad 3

Contact: SA [REDACTED] Ext. 3344

Approved By: [REDACTED]

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Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 89A-WF-205433<sup>-2</sup> (Pending)

Title: UNSUB(S);

THREAT ON U.S. SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE  
AFO

Synopsis: Contact with local law enforcement regarding death threat on Senator Wellstone.

Administrative: Reference Minneapolis telcall to SIOG, 10/26/1996.

Details: Minneapolis Division received a telephone call from Deputy Police Chief [REDACTED] Two Harbors, Wisconsin, Police Department, telephone number (218) 834-5566, concerning information provided to him by [REDACTED] a local DFL Party activist and councilman. [REDACTED] advised that he received a death threat against U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone on his telephone answering machine. [REDACTED] stated that he receives numerous crank telephone calls concerning Wellstone. He did not believe this telephone call to be serious. [REDACTED] did not recognize the voice, but described the voice as a "disguised whisper" which stated: "Wellstone will die."

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[REDACTED] advised that Wellstone, along with Representative James Oberstar and Thomas Bach, is scheduled to make a train whistle stop in Duluth, Minnesota, at 2:00 p.m. and another stop in Two Harbors, Wisconsin, at 4:30 p.m. on 10/26/1996. [REDACTED] further advised that he had contacted the Duluth Police Department, the FBI Office in Duluth, Minnesota, the Lake County Sheriff's Office and would contact Wellstone's staff.

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To: WFO From: Minneapolis  
Re: 9-NEW, 10/26/1996

SA [ ] contacted SA [ ], United States Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone number [ ], concerning this death threat. SA [ ] advised that he would contact the U.S. Capitol Police, Washington, D.C. concerning this threat. SA [ ] also contact Mr. [ ] Campaign Manager for Senator Wellstone, and advised him of the death threat. SA [ ] also contacted FBI SA [ ] Duluth, Minnesota, and advised him of the situation. SA [ ] was also contacted by [ ] U.S. Capitol Police, telephone number [ ], and advised [ ] of the situation.

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PRECEDENCE:

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☒ Priority  
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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 10/30/96

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: FBIHQ VC/FU SSA

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SUBJECT: UNSUB; UNITED STATES SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE (MN) -  
VICTIM; CCSCAKA; OO:WFO.

ON 10/26/96, WFO WAS CONTACTED BY THE UNITED STATES  
CAPITOL POLICE (USCP), WHO REPORTED THAT ON THE SAME DATE  
TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED AT SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE'S  
CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS AT TWO HARBORS, MINNESOTA. THE  
UNIDENTIFIED CALLER STATED, "WELLSTONE WILL BE DEAD." THE  
CALLER IMMEDIATELY HUNG UP AFTER MAKING THE THREAT.

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THE SENATOR'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM DOES NOT HAVE  
CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICES, AND NO FURTHER INFORMATION  
PERTAINING TO THE ORIGINATING TELEPHONE NUMBER OR IDENTITY OF  
THE CALLER IS KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

*pl* INFORMATION PROVIDED TO MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION, WHEREAS THE  
*call* ~~FAIL~~ WAS RECEIVED AT THE SENATOR'S CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS AT  
TWO HARBORS, MINNESOTA, TELEPHONE NUMBER (612) 643-0828.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, WFO MAINTAINS  
LIAISON WITH THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE AND ANY REQUESTS  
BY OFFICIALS FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS MATTER SHOULD  
BE DIRECTED TO WFO FOR APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL  
POLICE.

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CAPITOL POLICE (USCP), WHO REPORTED THAT ON THE SAME DATE A  
TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED AT SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE'S  
CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS AT TWO HARBORS, MINNESOTA. THE  
UNIDENTIFIED CALLER STATED, "WELLSTONE WILL BE DEAD." THE  
CALLER IMMEDIATELY HUNG UP AFTER MAKING THE THREAT.

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THE SENATOR'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM DOES NOT HAVE CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICES, AND NO FURTHER INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE ORIGINATING TELEPHONE NUMBER OR IDENTITY OF THE CALLER IS KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

INFORMATION PROVIDED TO MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION, WHEREAS THE CALL WAS RECEIVED AT THE SENATOR'S CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS AT TWO HARBORS, MINNESOTA, TELEPHONE NUMBER (612) 643-0828.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, WFO MAINTAINS LIAISON WITH THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE AND ANY REQUESTS BY OFFICIALS FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS MATTER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO WFO FOR APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION.

LEADS:

WFO

AT WDC:

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE.

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

☒ Teletype  
☐ Facsimile  
☐ AIRTEL

## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☒ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
☐ UNCLAS E F T O  
☒ UNCLAS

Date 1/7/97

FM FBI, WMFO (89A-WF-205433) (C) (C-4)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

FBI MINNEAPOLIS (INFO)/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: FBIHQ VC/FU SSA b6  
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SUBJECT: UNSUB; UNITED STATES SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE (MN) -  
 VICTIM; CCSCAKA; OO:WFO.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND MINNEAPOLIS, CAPTIONED AS  
 ABOVE, DATED 10/30/96.

CAPTIONED MATTER WAS INITIATED BASED UPON A CALL RECEIVED  
 AT SENATOR WELLSTONE'S CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS AT TWO HARBORS,  
 MINNESOTA. THE UNIDENTIFIED CALLER STATED, "WELLSTONE WILL BE  
 DEAD." THE CALLER IMMEDIATELY HUNG UP AFTER MAKING THE  
 THREAT.

Approved: WenOriginal filename: 989001W.010 #2

Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Telprep filename: 989001W.007 #2MRI/JULIAN DATE: 952/010ISN: 010FOX DATE & TIME OF ACCEPTANCE: 1/15/97 CMS

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SINCE THE DATE OF THE ONLY CALL, NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE IDENTIFY OF THE CALLER HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE FBI OR THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE (USCP). NO SIMILAR THREATS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT THE SENATOR'S OFFICE.

IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, WFO IS CLOSING CAPTIONED MATTER.

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01/06/97 14:09

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USCP TAS

January 6, 1997

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation Liaison  
FROM: U.S. Capitol Police, Threat Assessment Section  
SUBJECT: Request for Information

The U.S. Capitol Police Threat Assessment Section (TAS) is presently investigating the below listed subject for a threat related offense involving Senator Wellstone (MN), that occurred on 10/26/96. The TAS is hereby requesting all information available regarding the subject at this time. This information is being requested so the TAS can make a final case determination in regard to the subject's threat potential.

NAME: Unknown RACE: SEX: M  
DOB: / / SSN: - - FBI CASE#: 89A-WF-205433  
ADDRESS: Location unknown TAS #: 97-T-0059

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NOTE:

Please answer the following questions:

What is the name of the subject?

Unknown

Was the subject interviewed and when?

N/A

Did the subject deny or admit making the threat?

Who was the AUSA?

Will he be prosecuted? If not, why?

What date did the FBI close its investigation?

Pending

WJZ:wjz

## AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN AND ASSIGN A CASE

To: SAC, Minneapolis

Date: 10/28/02

From: SSA

Class: 300 Alpha: A Case Squad: 5 OO: MP

Assigned to: SA

Status: Pending

TITLE: Senator Paul Wellstone Memorial Service;  
St. Paul, MN, 10-29-02  
CT Preparedness - Special Events

### Source of information to open case:

- 01 Informant
- 02 Asset
- 03 Asset from other office
- 04 Confidential Source
- 05 Cooperative Witness
- 06 Local/State Police
- 07 U.S. Government Agency
- 08 Foreign Government
- 09 Victim
- 10 Non-Victim/Complaint
- 11 Other

Identity Theft?  
yes/no

### NFIP Classifications:

- A Counterterrorism
- B Economic Espionage
- C Espionage
- D Foreign Intelligence Activities
- E Perception Management
- F Proliferation of Special Weapons
- G Targeting the National Infrastructure
- H Targeting the U.S. Government

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Full Initiated \_\_\_\_\_

or

PI Initiated \_\_\_\_\_

Set to expire \_\_\_\_\_

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 10/28/2002

To: All Field Offices  
Counterterrorism

SIOC  
Executive Watch

From: Minneapolis

Squad 5/JTTF

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 1300A-MP-62673 (Pending) - 2

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Title: Senator Paul Wellstone Memorial Service;  
Minneapolis, MN, 10/29/2002;  
DT Preparedness - Special Events

Synopsis: To request canvass of logical sources.

Details: As receiving offices are aware, United States Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota was killed with his wife and daughter in a plane crash in Eveleth, MN, on 10/25/2002.

On Tuesday, 10/29/2002, a memorial service will be held for Senator Wellstone at Williams Arena, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. The estimated attendance of 20,000 persons will include many United States Congress members, State and local officials, former President William Clinton and a large press contingent.

To date, no threat information has been received regarding this event. It has been learned that [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Church is planning a protest outside the memorial service. [REDACTED] has posted a "news release" regarding this protest on the web site [www.godhatesfags.com](http://www.godhatesfags.com). [REDACTED] is a resident of Topeka, KS, and is referenced in many FBI cases, including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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Request that logical sources be queried for threat information regarding this event. Report only positive information to SA [REDACTED]

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To: All Field Offices From: Minneapolis  
Re: 300A-MP-62673, 10/28/2002

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

Query logical sources for threat information related to the Memorial Service being held for Senator Paul Wellstone on 10/29/2002. Report only positive information to the Minneapolis Division.

Set Lead 2: (Adm)

COUNTERTERRORISM

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For Information.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: Routine

Date: 10/31/2002

To: Counterterrorism

SIOC  
Executive Watch

From: Minneapolis

Squad 5/JTTF

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

bh [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 300A-MP-62637 (Pending)-3

Title: Senator Paul Wellstone Memorial Service;  
Minneapolis, MN, 10/29/2002;  
DT Preparedness - Special Events

Synopsis: To close case.

Details: As FBIHQ is aware, United States Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota was killed with his wife and daughter in a plane crash in Eveleth, MN, on 10/25/2002.

On Tuesday, 10/29/2002, a memorial service was held for Senator Wellstone at Williams Arena, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. More than 20,000 persons, including 100 United States Congress members, State and local officials, former President William Clinton and a large press contingent attended the event.

Minneapolis Division liaison for the event included four state/local police departments, US Secret Service and US Capitol Police. The event was concluded with only two minor medical emergencies. Captioned matter is being closed.

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*11/1/02*

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To: ?? From: Minneapolis  
Re: 300A-MP-62637, 10/31/2002

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT SIOC

For Information.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/28/2002

To: Minneapolis

From: Minneapolis

Squad 5

Contact: SA [redacted] :bh

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 300A-MP-62637 (Pending) -4

Title: CHANGED

Senator Paul Wellstone Memorial Service;  
Minneapolis, MN, 10/29/2002;  
DT Preparedness - Special Events

Synopsis: To change title.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect change to location. Title previously carried as "St. Paul, MN, 10/29/2002".

Details: Captioned event had been opened reflecting the location as St. Paul, MN. EC to note change in title to correct location of Minneapolis, MN.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/28/2002

To: Minneapolis

From: Minneapolis

Squad 5/JTTF

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Title: Senator Paul Wellstone Memorial Service;  
Minneapolis, MN, 10/29/2002;  
CT Preparedness - Special Events

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE. DO NOT DISSEMINATE TO  
UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS.

Synopsis: Operations plan for the memorial service to be held  
for the late Senator Paul Wellstone.

## Details:

### I. Situation

#### A. Event Title:

Memorial Service, Senator Paul Wellstone,  
10/29/2002.

#### B. Location and Dates:

Williams Arena, University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis Minnesota, 10/29/2002.

#### C. Activity Concerned:

##### 1. Description:

A memorial service to be held in honor of the late  
US Senator Paul Wellstone. The event will be held in Williams  
Arena, located on the campus of the University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, MN.

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To: Minneapolis From: Minneapolis  
Re: 300A-MP-62637, 10/28/2002

**2. Violations/Classification:**

**3. Intelligence/Threat Assessment:**

**II. Mission**

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**III. Execution**

**A. Shifts and Staffing:**

**WILLIAMS ARENA, FLOOR:**

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To: Minneapolis From: Minneapolis  
Re: 300A-MP-62637, 10/28/2002

**COMMAND POST:**

**B. Identification/Weapons/Dress:**

**C. Communication:**

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**D. Medical Response:**

**E. Transportation/Parking:**

**F. Command Post:**

To: Minneapolis From: Minneapolis  
Re: 300A-MP-62637, 10/28/2002

**G. SWAT/Hostage Negotiators:**

**H. Telephone Numbers:**

**Arena Agents:**

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**UofMPD Contact:**

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Director's Sec'y	

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FM FBI MINNEAPOLIS (9A-MP-32406)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/IMMEDIATE/

FBI WMFO/IMMEDIATE/

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CITE: //2770//

PASS: BUREAU: VIOLENT CRIMES SECTION.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE-VICTIM; THREATENING  
PHONE CALL; AFO; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON 1/14/91, AT APPROXIMATELY 5:15 P.M.,

RECEPTIONIST AT SENATOR WELLSTONE'S FORMER CAMPAIGN

OFFICE, 2401 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, RECEIVED

A PHONE CALL THREATENING THE LIFE OF THE SENATOR. THE PHONE

CALL CAME IN ON TELEPHONE LINE 612/659-0103.

STATED THAT THE CALLER WAS HIGHLY UPSET OVER HIS

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Called MP & Advised  
them to change this  
to an 89. Note caption  
is an AFO - think file # is  
incorrect. ym 1/16/91

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SON BEING IN THE PERSIAN GULF. THE CALLER ALSO STATED THAT SENATOR WELLSTONE WAS KILLING THE AMERICAN TROOPS BY FAILING TO BACK THE PRESIDENT. THE CALLER CONTINUED TO SAY THAT IF HIS SON IN THE PERSIAN GULF DIES, THEN SENATOR WELLSTONE WILL DIE. THE CALLER THEN ASKED HOW LONG SENATOR WELLSTONE WILL BE IN OFFICE. [REDACTED] REPLIED SIX YEARS, TO WHICH THE CALLER REPLIED, "HE WON'T BE AROUND THAT LONG." THE CALL WAS THEN TERMINATED BY THE CALLER.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED THE CALLER AS FOLLOWS:

BELIEVES TO BE A WHITE MALE, MEDIUM TONE VOICE, SOUNDED LIKE A BLUE COLLAR WORKER.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THE CALL WAS CLEAR AND BELIEVED IT TO BE A LOCAL CALL.

ALL PROPER NOTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, TO INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE.

LEAD:

AT WMFO:

WILL DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE THREAT TO SENATOR WELLSTONE TO THE CAPITAL POLICE.

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(File No.) \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Date Filed	To be returned		Disposition
		Yes	No	
1	11-19	x		fol 192 pks cases 1B1
2	"	x		notes - [redacted]
3	"	x		notes - [redacted]
4	"	x		copy threatening letter etc
5	"	x		fol 597 receipt released to [redacted]
6	"	x		fol 597 - evidence to [redacted]
7	"	x		receipt for dental rec - [redacted]
8	12-12	x		notes - [redacted]
9	6-10	x		notes
10	"	x		maps of plane crash site
11	5/6/04	x		E-mails rec'd at MP re plane crash

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Title:

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

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Title and Character of Case:

WELLSTONE, PAUL

Date Property Acquired:	Source from which Property Acquired:
10/26/2002	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> STAFFER SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE CAMPAIGN
	2550 UNIVERSITY AVE
	MN

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Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By:

Case Agent:

Description of Property:  
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Date Entered

POST CARD SENT TO SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE'S CAMPAIGN OFFICE  
LOCATED AT 2550 UNIVERSITY AVE. 100N ST. PAUL, MN.

Barcode: E02140130

Location: ECC

10/28/2002

Case Number: 149A-MP-62632  
Owning Office: MINNEAPOLIS

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## Chain of Custody FD-192

Date Time

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Reason: Collected

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Field Office Acquiring Evidence MP

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Date Received 10/26/02

From \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Contributor)

2550 UNIVERSITY

(Address of Contributor)

By \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference \_\_\_\_\_

(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

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10/26/02

[redacted] - received from carrier  
O- [redacted] Touched letter  
H- [redacted]

Thursday 10/24/02 - received between 11:00am - 2:00pm.  
2530 UNIVERSITY AVE  
SUITE 100N  
ST. PAUL 55114

✓ mail possible on 10/22 or 23  
concerning "mail"

1st Sgt - MPA - 62632

[redacted] touched letter

- opened mail shortly after receiving  
letter at office

[redacted]

[redacted]

- State Director

look @ office

possibly touched letter

← [redacted]

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Agent [redacted] from Capital Police (security)  
[redacted] 2nd hr #

he contacted the FBI & passed it on to  
Washington office that an FBI agent would be out  
to pick up the letter. (possibly on Thursday)

hand writing, stamp, etc  
sent to 2nd house members  
in their AG office  
note against the Iraq resolution.

✓ this letter was more concerning than other letters  
they receive. they do receive other letters & phone calls  
→ Agent [redacted] indicated possibly other Senators received same type of  
no postcard.

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(Address of Contributor)

Jacksonville, FL  
(City and State)

By [Redacted]  
(Name of Special Agent)

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

[Redacted]

(3)

- son of rocket scientist

Jacksonville FL

- trucking whistle blower

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COM

justice center

Eagan, MN

(Attorney @ law)

ST. PAUL, MN 55122

Attorney

Service Transportation Act

W. ST. PAUL

Staffer assigned to labor committee.

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Staffer legislative director

DOT truck safety issues.

- safety of truckers.

tied to organized crime

They do not recall hearing about this case or Taylor's name.

disconnected the de-icers.

American Trucking Ass.

ATA BOARD members

Yellow

Chief Admin law Judge

Chief Admin law Judge

NTSB notified to check for disconnection

trucking industry pushing drivers beyond their limits.  
non enforcement of trucking laws

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By \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Special Agent)

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Title:

Reference:

(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

copy of threatening letter

- business card for Capital Police

- Postal Inspector NAME & #



FBI/DOJ



[Redacted]

Special Agent

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United States Capitol Police  
Threat Assessment Section  
Investigations Division  
119 D St., NE, Room 605  
Washington, DC 20510

Office [Redacted]  
Fax (202) 224-0919

Case # [Redacted]





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## COVER SHEET

### PRECEDENCE

- ☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☒ Routine

### CLASSIFICATION

- ☐ Top Secret  
☐ Secret  
☐ Confidential  
☐ Sensitive  
☒ Unclassified

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Attn:

[Redacted]

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Telephone

From: FBI  
Name of Office

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Originator's Name: [Redacted] Telephone

Originator's Facsimile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Communication Faxed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPECIAL Agent -  
CAPITAL POLICE

[Redacted]

Postal Inspector

[Redacted]

Fax 651-293-3384

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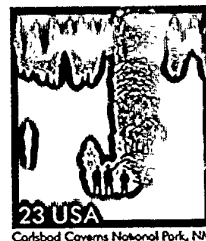
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Paul Wellstone  
2550 UNIVERSITY AVE W  
COURT INTERNATIONAL BLDG  
ST PAUL, MN 55114-1025

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We know your system  
for voters, it won't  
work. You have been  
throttled, we need  
to get the word out for  
the sniper to go after  
people like you not real  
Americans, this card is  
for you pumps to read  
"Dead man walking!"  
I have cursor @ U.M.A.  
inside info, this voter  
card you propose  
will get you dead in 2



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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☒ Nob6  
b7CTitle: Senator Paul Wellstone (deceased);  
Sheila Wellstone (deceased); et al  
Plane Crash 10/25/02Reference \_\_\_\_\_  
(Communication Enclosing Material)Description: ☐ Original notes re interview ofFD-597 Receipt for items related to Dr.Medical Examiner3

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Receipt for Property Received/Returned/Released/Seized

File # \_\_\_\_\_

On (date) 10/28/2002

item(s) listed below were:

- ☐ Received From  
☐ Returned To  
☒ Released To  
☐ Seized

(Name) Dr. [Redacted](Street Address) University Medical Center Mesabi(City) Hibbing, MinnesotaDescription of Item(s): Items recovered by FBI ERT Team at plane crash site:

- ① larger metal watch - (labelled "pilot's side")  
② small metal watch  
③ set of keys (labelled "co-pilot's section")  
④ Misc. metal pieces, bottle, button  
⑤ Misc. fragments
- } all burned + melted condition
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Received By: [Redacted]

(Signature)

Received From: SA [Redacted]

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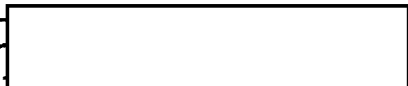
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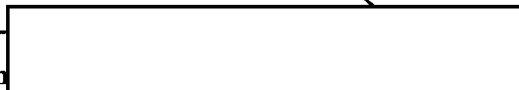
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☐ Yes ☐ No

Title: SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE (DECEASED)  
ET AL  
DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

RECEIPT FOR DENTAL RECORDS OF

[Redacted]

(7)



On October 27, 2002, the dental records for  
Richard Conry were provided to Dr. [REDACTED] 1580  
Constantine by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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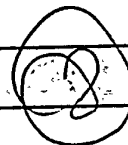
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☒ Original notes re interview of

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of Fynn Township



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dob

616005, MN 55741

Reed is 4.2 Long

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- Approx 2 miles  
Approximate location 4.2 miles on Fire Trail from Bodas Pond  
Heard shots south of Bodas Pond approximately  
(2-3 miles from crash site) ~~East~~ or McKinley Road  
Now the way was  
- out there previous Wednesday saw Timberwolf  
- left for at 8:30 AM  
- got home 11:45 AM

THINGS approximate shot at 10:00 AM

Heard one shot possibly 30-50 ~~ft~~ high Powerful  
seconds later heard 2nd shot Rifle

Then heard 3-4 quick shots

Then silence

- NEVER heard Plane does NOT recall any  
Plane noise

- wife told him Plane crash at Evelyns house  
did NOT think anything about it

- Then saw six other people, it  
came to him about shots



- ① His Location (Approximate)
- ② Gun shot (Approximate)
- ③ Approximate Area of Crash

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☐ Yes

☒ No

Title:

Paul Wellstone

et al

Plane crash - Duluth, MN 10/25/02

Destruction of Aircraft

Reference:

(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description:

☒ Original notes re interview of

Investigative Notes

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Fayal Township

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outside Eureka

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Fayal

Bodas Rd.

round Airport 3 miles  
back L

gpc all

12-rooms

Sign 8 at Eureka 10 days

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NTSB Investigator

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Wellstone rep.

Campaign Mgr in TC

Richard Conny

Co-Pilot in Michael Gues

- Paul Wellstone 12/1/44

- Sheila Wellstone

- Martha Wellstone

- Mary McElroy

- Will McLaythie

- Tom Lorie

Depart St. Paul 9:20

To attend

father's funeral

Clear Air Zone

- NTSB = WDC

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- FBI = 7

- Jax = ST CO 50

Facilitate

ERT

Phone Lines

- MN Dept. Rpt. Safety w/

Tenneco trees

Mobile CP Phone ~  
New #s being set up

2 miles to end of airport  
during lunch, going  
astronaut me

airport mgr — ~~and~~ William Bily at  
washed crash —

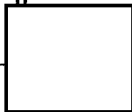
Royal Fire Chief in airport —

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Capital Police

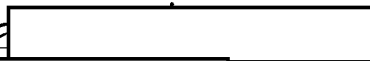
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- X-rays



Med. Examiner =



Hebby

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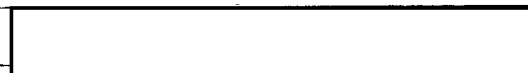


Albany Hospital  
on the 2nd level  
was

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Home =





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[redacted]

cell

working up

[redacted]

243

~~247~~ Ron

- as one days Jan
- ① - Confirm call of then before press wry. (3-4 pm)
  - ② - Jewelry descriptions

10:30

- ✓ ③ View the site - script tomorrow

[redacted]

EOC = 218-744-4586, 4584

Michael Guess = co-pilot

[redacted]

friend of

[redacted]

ME -

[redacted]

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On Scene CP 218-343-0684  
- 0824

~~258-8139~~

✓ List of LE #s

[redacted]

cell

lead w/ postcard

[redacted]

SAC home #  
page #

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From Capitol Police SA [redacted]

Voice mail into Wellstone's office on Capitol Hill -  
9/4 -

former employee at Executive

34 yrs. ago  
killed pilot -  
crashes personally

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Calling from Jacksonville, Fla  
whistleblower in truck driver industry

[redacted] ally with Wellstone - had his support -  
Plan to have Senate hearings if he's elected to expose  
trucks on Amn. Trucking Assn - Bd. members

Speculating that  
[redacted] discredited info.

St. Paul Police called - [redacted]  
got a call from Health Partners Clinic  
dental mostly [redacted]

202-314-6100 NTSB who will collect info from [redacted] pilot  
offices re: dtbl or spreadsheet on

10/25 pages  
memo

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reported icing. Controller issued to pilot reports 11000-5000' icing throughout  
light gauge ice washing.

10:24:43

ASR [redacted]

18000 ft [redacted] 2300' last radar return

Flight check - not returned to service out of service since yesterday

Flt. Controllers - being interviewed

No cockpit voice recorder

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[redacted] no bullet holes

Engines

[redacted] NTSB

Witnesses - Barry Avonics - Broadway Rd. - low plane - bottom just below clouds  
3 names + #'s - Sudden noise, heard twin engine - power decreasing - loud noise  
or stalled or power back - not reacting - engine sounds stopped soon  
small plane tipped - fire chief in small plane to canvas afterwards  
The most professional body removed 7.5e even seen

Route of  
Flight  
diagram

2 miles south of approach, cleared for approach - no indication of any way  
gradual turn - continued southwest + -  
Controller + Pilot sounded confident

Operations -

1 outage on VOR w/ two past wk. Remotely reset w/ no problem

Weather ceiling 700' visibility 2 1/2 miles

runway lights on, automatically kept by pilot's approach.

Issue of B.O.R. not passing its flight check

Key Pilot - reported icing 6000' above it - "didn't know it's light"

Aircraft operations - NO CVR

8 bodies - wheels frozen at 10:30

25° average slope of angle down - from trees

Radar data - 1700' down to

Made L hand turn then made steep descent  
slow air speed.

actual site well to the South of the intended destination

Metronologist - 400' ceiling 4 mile visibility

700' ceiling to air 5 mile felt BATS very accurate

1014<sup>h</sup> light snow, overcast

Automatic Weather & System

calm winds, 34° 1°C

mist

400' overcast 0 dewpoint

dewpoint -1°

visibility fluctuating due to snow showers

moderate snow & ~~moderate~~ light mixed icing

No reports of freezing rain or freezing drizzle

"Main Seattle computer for State & County agencies."

Site visit tomorrow -

- lots of jewelry

- crew tox tests -

- FBI sifting - MG so grateful

"quite remarkable help"

Witness to:



NTSB - Days Inn Rm-238

Head shot Chris Hacking -



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PHOENIX

Dep.

Community trailer

9.11 Dispatch

- Fazel Township Constables

Obtained dental records:

DR. [redacted] Mignebaka

patient [redacted]

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West

\*DR.

DDS

Chimes St. Louis Park

(US)

Yes - has at his home

MSP Lt

will meet him

Fly up to Hibbing

to Dr

H:

Mpls.

off

can

[Redacted]

Next

[Redacted]

Wellsboro staff

disputed pole

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[Redacted]

\*  
NTSB

[Redacted]

will be replaced for

[Redacted]

Briefing  
Meeting  
10/27

But Traffic Control - <sup>Everett</sup> ~~Everett~~ <sup>South Fork</sup> of river - federal older model Schindler.  
Operating normally. Accident occurred - Navigational equipment problem possible?  
FAA did visual of site - nothing out of ordinary.  
Radio at tolerance barely. then out of tolerance. Interference on landing & skeletal.  
Good radar view. South to North, vectored to NE, in  
position. Surprised to see radar track @ "S" turn. No other aircraft at  
time. Made sure he had given all info to aircraft ad. icing conditions.  
voice recording EAB- Call: @ 7:15 am, asked for ultimate weather briefing for Everett.  
Controller -  
Gave him significant briefing. Elected not to go 8:15 - Called again &  
asked for weather asked for Everett weather & gave flight plan.  
Seemed to hesitate - asking for direction of altitude -  
Air Met - snow. H. snow, mist, somecast clouds rain a snow -  
-1°C Pilot says: OK at least that's above my minimums.  
Aircraft performance shown on data. Must get good data coordinates to - crash site coordinates & plotting.  
Radar data shows:  
Continuous air speed decrease - 1700 altitude.  
Lowest stall speed - full flaps 73 knots in full speed.

GPS looks on at

1447-1500 at the site

Psych

[redacted]

nothing remarkable - all fire damage

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W said airplane was low - seemed odd -

W said gear down, no lights

weird

nothing new

Evidence

giving - lots of items, but damaged badly  
gauges & Avionics Boxes - badly damaged

2200'

2200' altimeter

Captain's speed indicator 200-220

Structural diagrams, survey wreckage sketches would be good  
field notes

Slap actuators - Setting 15° normal

L & R main landing gears - down but don't know if locked  
wheel pointing forward -

lightbulbs present - lamps on?

Engines

moved to staging area at British airport

Splendid help by security SA to Co SO & Fagan F.D.

Props

Engines - no major damage to engines or catastrophic  
no sign of foreign object damage

Compendium will make shipping crates for us

Parts will be packaged & labelled. Sealed & marked "do not open  
except in presence of NTSB."

Help - need fork lift

Ice veins - internal separation system - armed or not?

Switch ~~available~~ readable? L: 1 destroyed by impact & fire

R: 1 de-armed - closed

Transcribed  
Disaster  
Assistance  
EMT - Thank You, Fantastic -



10/28 Briefing

NTSP Major Int. Division

office

VOR

Metzger - same, NO crash advisory issued for area. NO severe pilot report. Lts - mod. icing  
Request Barthele to save icing data + algorithms

WS - Bodas Rl. woman 10:21 <sup>engine stopped</sup> whistling then boom.  
last hours of WS + site - GPS

PT6-28

2 each

HC-BUEN-3

Barthele 2 each

2 props

2 engines

[Collect data then later analyze data then later make conclusion]

1<sup>st</sup> call asking for conditions concerned re icing - when yes she abruptly said No

2<sup>nd</sup> call was more distant, softer voice - didn't really ask re icing.

18-21 October out of service. Princeton Flight Service Station

Evelyn BOR →

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☐ Yes ☒ NoTitle: Paul Wellstone, - victimet al  
10/25/02 - Plane crashDestruction of Aircraft

Reference \_\_\_\_\_

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Description: ☐ Original notes re interview ofMaps of plane crash site

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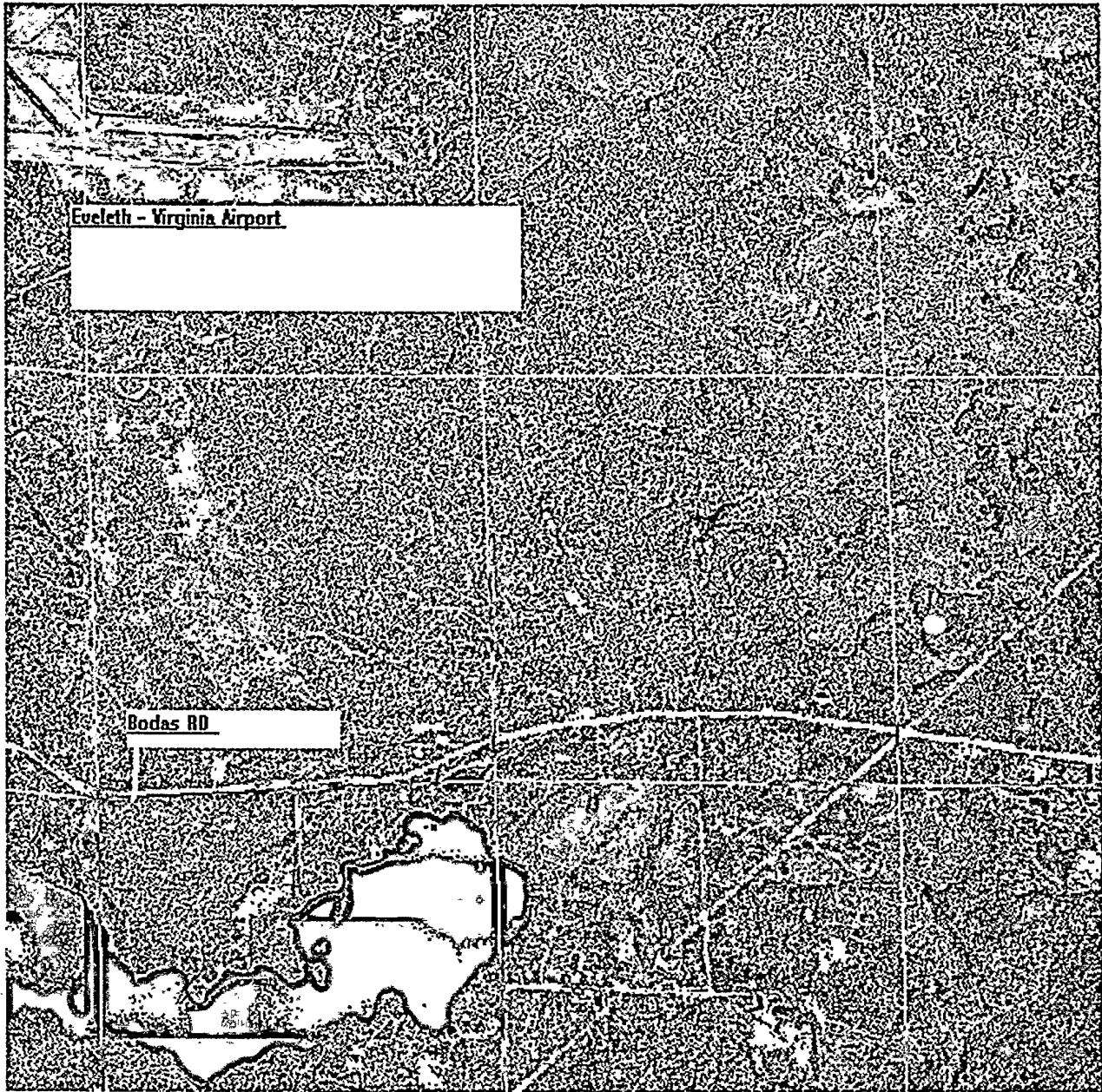
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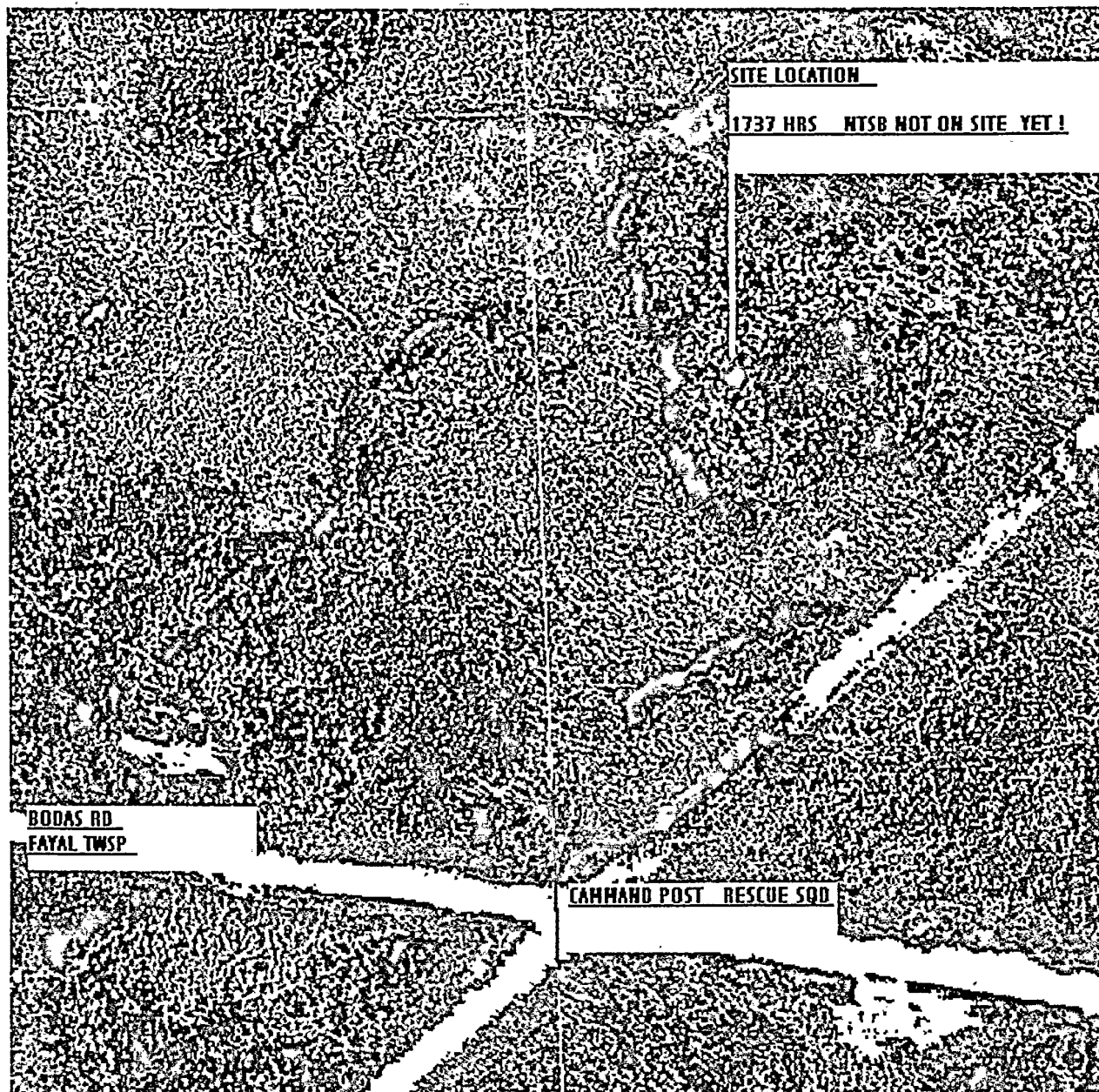
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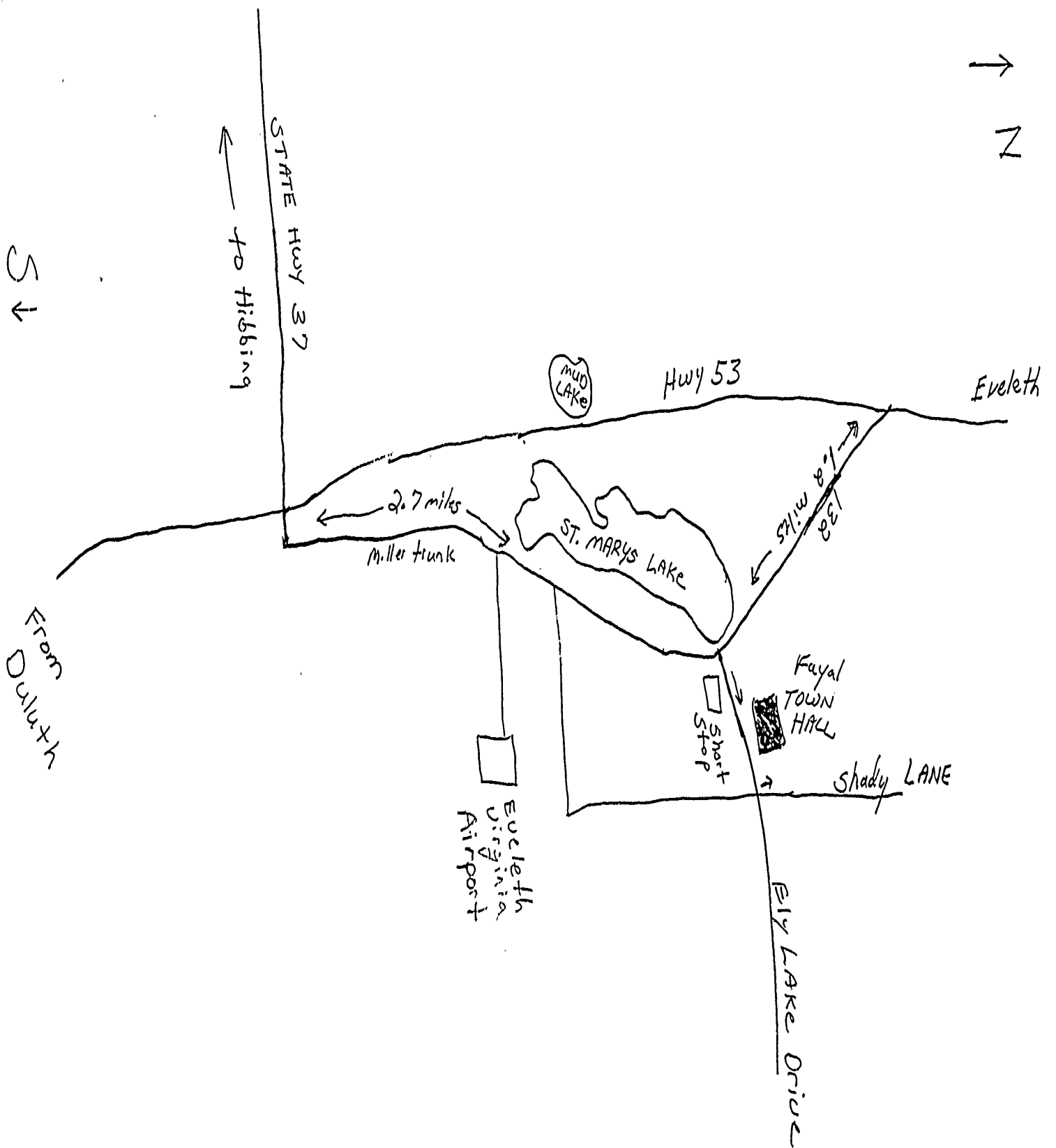
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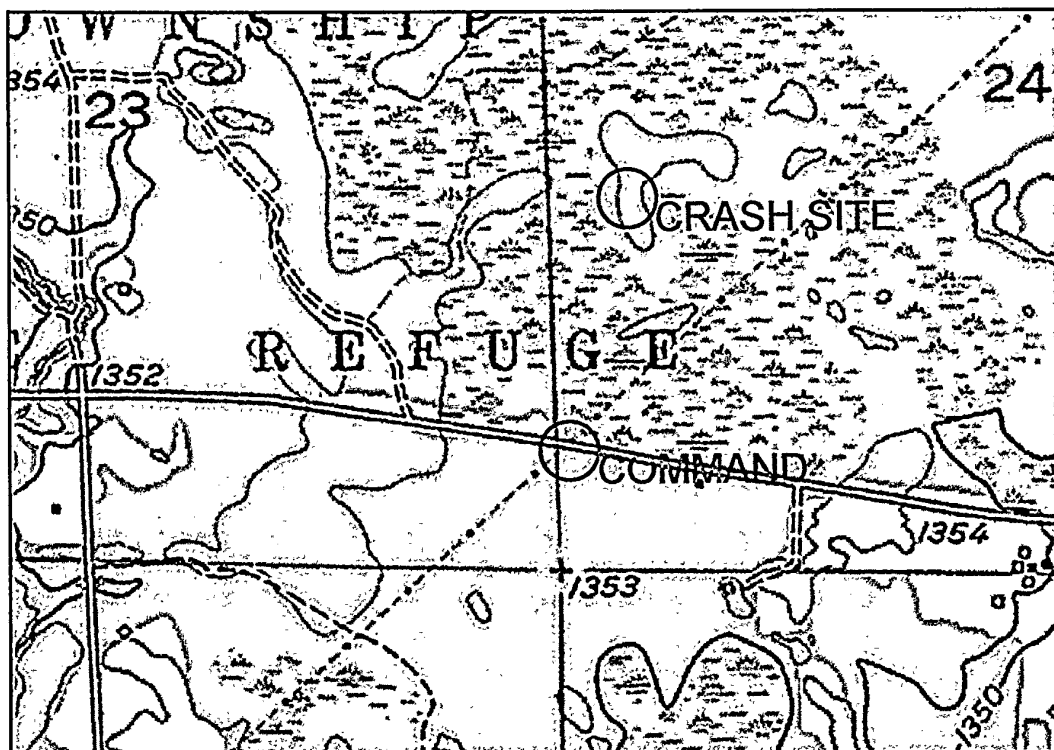
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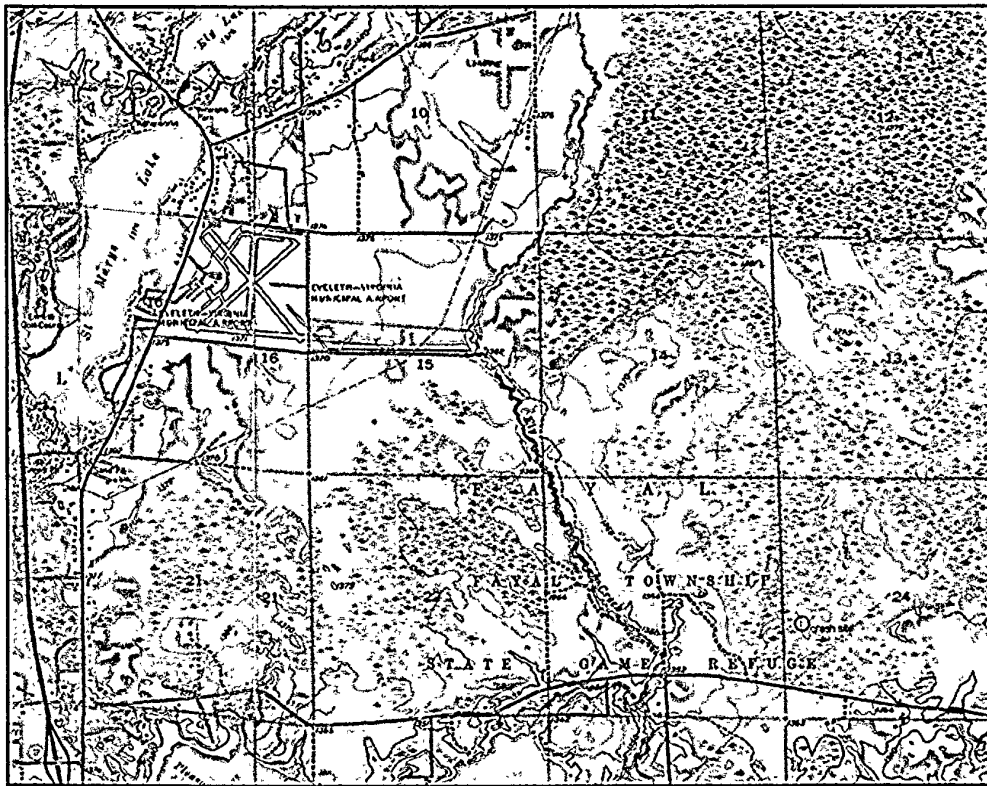
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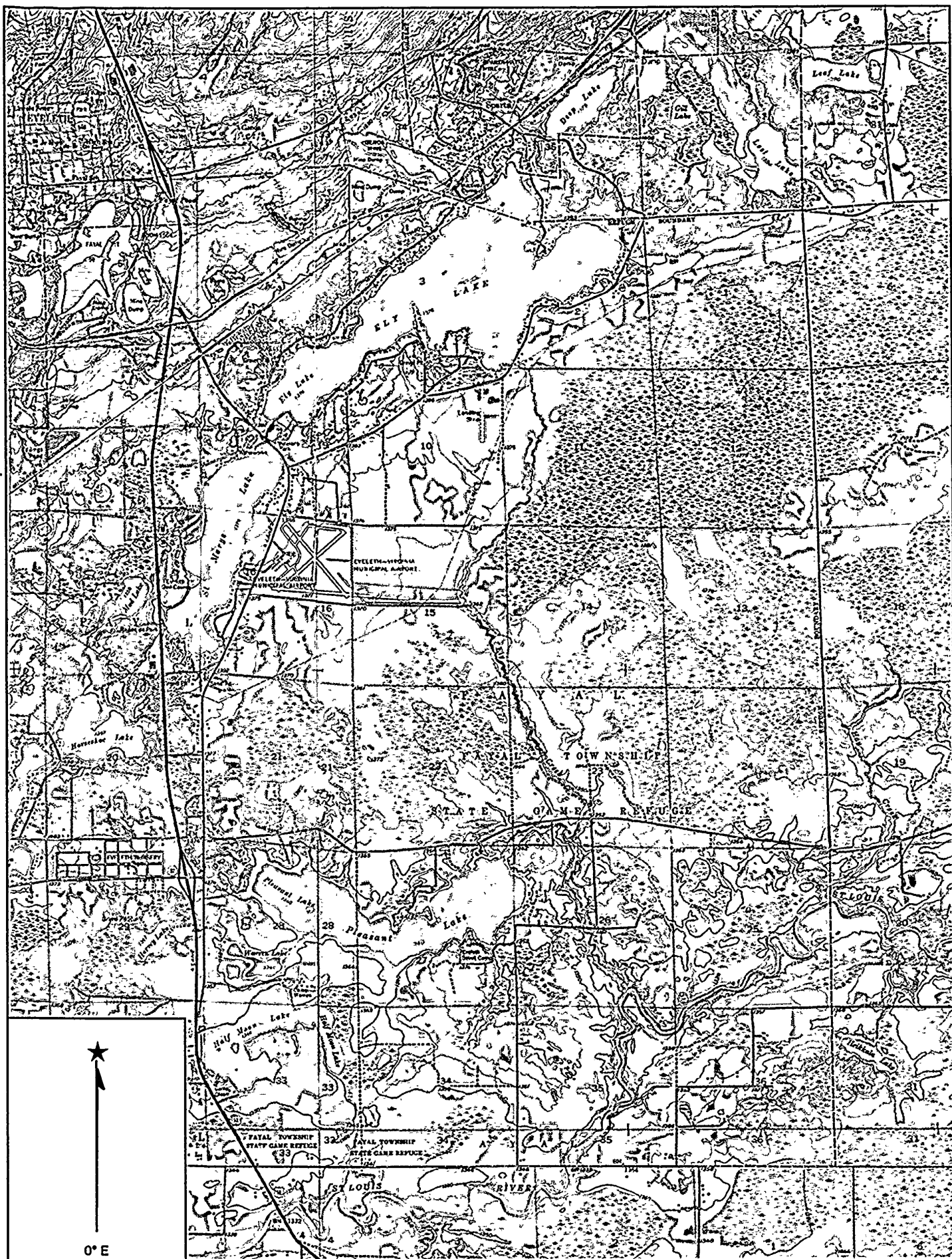


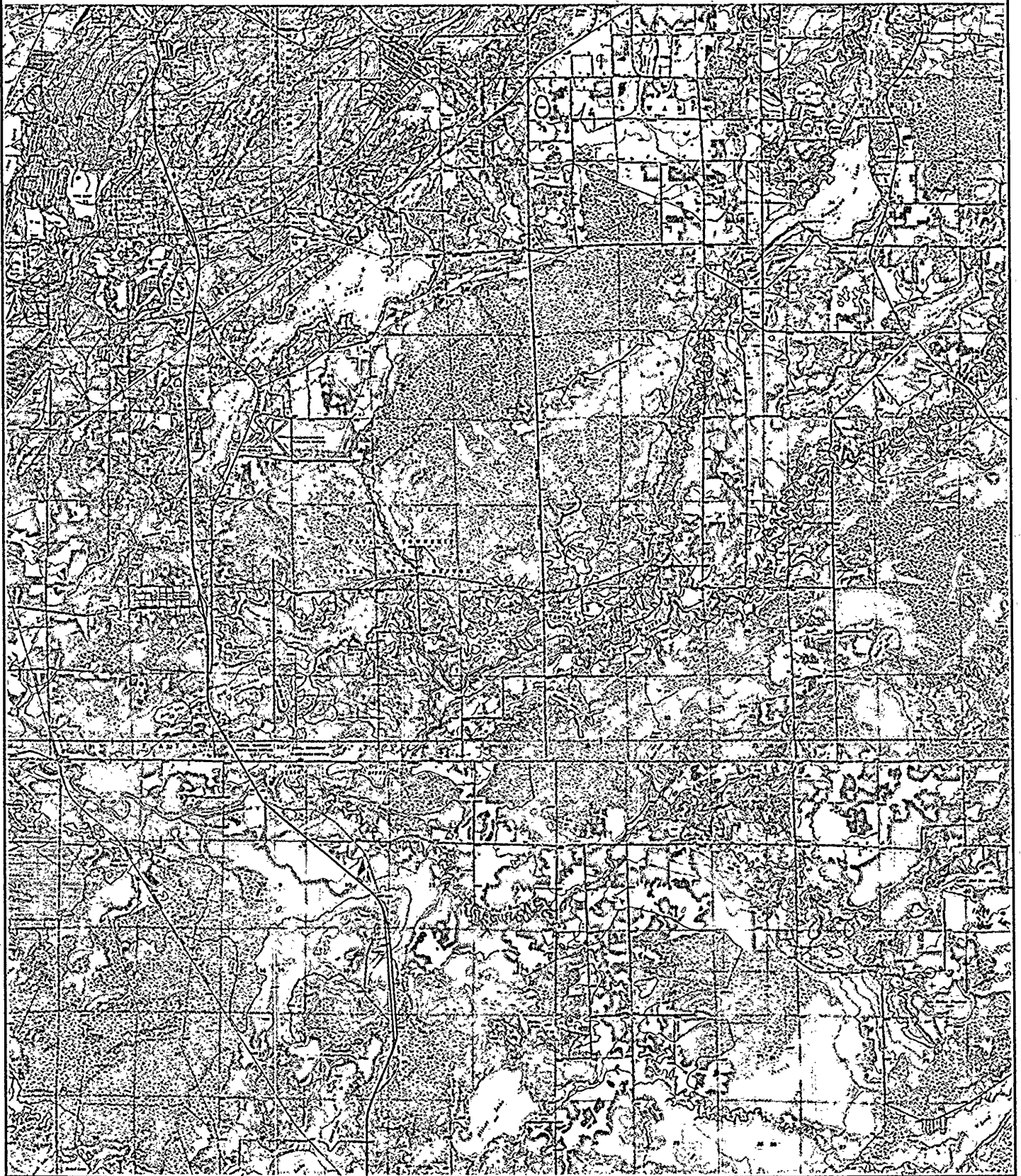












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Beckcraft King Air A-100  
Aircraft accident 10/25/2002  
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Description: ☐ Original notes re: interview ofEmails rec'd at MP reWellstone plane crash

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plane crash foul play

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Dear Sirs,

I have come across information concerning the crash of Senator Paul Wellstone's airplane last week that suggests that it was not an accident and was in fact murder. As reported in several news sources:

1. "A pilot who witnessed the incident said the twin-engine craft seemed to veer away from the usual approach to the runway. " This is consistent with the use of a false beacon, since the plane was flying on instruments, away from the airfield.
2. There have also been reports in the media of locals who heard gunshots as the plane approached.
3. The wide spread of wreckage is consistent with a mid-air explosion, prior to the plane reaching the ground.

This is a serious matter that requires a serious investigation. Given the political ramifications, you should include international investigators to ensure a non-partisan investigation. Please do your duty vigorously and impartially, and make the US creed of liberty and justice mean something. Your DC office may be clueless and obstructionist, but you have the opportunity to do this right.

Sincerely,

Corvallis, OR

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The death of Senator Wellstone MN was very untimely it was if he had been removed by "accidental assassination" to give the Republican party an advantage in the elections.

The KGB renamed the SVR uses accidental airplane crashes as a means to assassinate opposition leaders & other enemy(s) of neo communism. Most people would not even suspect the crash could have been engineered.

Though in the case of Senator Wellstone the Republican(s) have a lot to gain by controlling the Senate.

The NWO is developing & uses Political Control Technology(s) Senator Wellstone was one of the strongest voice(s) for Human Rights.

By removing Senator Wellstone MN gives the Republicans an even greater advantage in a much larger arena of world politics.

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To: SAC Pierce

Sir,

I have been a photographer for about 20 years until I decided to return to school at WSU. I began as an Army Photographer and on several occasions photographed plane crashes with investigators from the air and on the ground.

There are a few details about the Wellstone crash that has me wondering if this might not have been an accident.

First, the angle that the aircraft crashed into the trees, the fact that neither one of the pilots called the tower to report trouble, the intensity of the resulting fire, and that the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder were usually on the plane, but not on this flight.

I don't want to run around and start an unwarranted conspiracy theory, I am not a conspiracy buff, but I have talked to other qualified and influential people about this matter and they have agreed that the possibility of sabotage is not beyond the realm of possibility. Before takeoff or from ground/air attack.

If you can initiate an investigation from the aspect of this being an act of unlawful death rather than an accident, I and many others who have doubts would be most appreciative.

I'm sure there are security tapes somewhere showing activity around the area of the aircraft the day of the incident.

If there is a perception that this was an assassination, and nothing is being done in response, it will have a demoralizing effect on any public servant who might dissent from the majority or opposes the power of the President. It will also affect the perception of the public on elections, voting, and law enforcement. I realize that your office was thwarted from persuing al-Qaida after your arrest of Moussaoui, which could have saved thousands of lives, and hope similar pressure does not prevent your office from investigating the Wellstone crash as a possible assassination. As a Political Science Major, I hope the FBI can resume it's traditional role of domestic law enforcement.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

cc: Sen Mark Dayton

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WELLSTONE, PAUL

Date Property Acquired: 10/26/2002 Source from which Property Acquired:  
[REDACTED] STAFFER SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE CAMPAIGN  
2550 UNIVERSITY AVE  
MN

Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By: [REDACTED] Case Agent: [REDACTED] b6  
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Description of Property: 1B 1 Date Entered

POST CARD SENT TO SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE'S CAMPAIGN OFFICE  
LOCATED AT 2550 UNIVERSITY AVE. 100N ST. PAUL, MN

Barcode: E02140130 Location: ECC 10/28/2002

Case Number: 149A-MP-62632 151  
Owning Office: MINNEAPOLIS

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Contact: SSA [redacted]

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Case ID #: 149A-MP-

Title: UNSUB;  
Senator Paul Wellstone - Victim  
Destruction of Aircraft

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Synopsis: To open captioned investigation.

Details: On 10/25/2002, a private airplane en-route to Eveleth, Minnesota crashed. Senator Paul Wellstone, Democratic Senator from the State of Minnesota was a passenger on the plane with his wife and daughter, and three staff members and two pilots. There were no survivors.

Minneapolis has responded with agents from the Duluth RA, Bemidji RA, and the Minneapolis ERT. SAC Minneapolis and SSA [redacted] are responding to the crash sight.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/28/2002

[redacted] Golden Valley, Minnesota (MN), telephone number [redacted] was contacted at her residence regarding the dental records for Richard Edward Conry, an airplane pilot for Senator Paul Wellstone.

[redacted] accepted custody of the dental records for Conry on behalf of her husband, Dr. [redacted] provided a handwritten receipt for the dental records. SA [redacted] provided [redacted] with the name and telephone number of Conry's dentist, Dr. [redacted] telephone number [redacted], to facilitate the return of the dental records.

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Investigation on 10/27/2002 at Golden Valley, MinnesotaFile # 149A-MP-62632-2 Date dictated 10/28/2002by SA [redacted] :gsk *AK*

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/26/2002

A telephone call came into the campaign office of Senator Paul Wellstone at approximately 1:45 pm. The caller [redacted] Jacksonville, Florida, telephone number [redacted] web site [redacted] explained the reason for his call.

[redacted] believed that [redacted] and [redacted] were responsible for Senator Wellstone's plane crash. [redacted] believed that these individuals disconnected the de-icers on Wellstone's plane.

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[redacted] indicated that his Attorney [redacted] Eagan, Minnesota, was in direct contact with Senator Paul Wellstone and his staff members. [redacted] stated that Wellstone and his staff were working on scheduling Senate hearings for after he was elected so that they could expose the [redacted] stated that if the hearing were to happen everyone would find that the [redacted] was connected to Organized Crime and overlooking the enforcement of the trucking laws and safety regulations.

[redacted] staff member for Senator Wellstone, checked with [redacted] Labor Committee member; and [redacted] Legislative Director, who both indicated that they were not aware of any Senate hearing being scheduled to discuss this topic.

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by SA [redacted]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/26/2002

[ ] Staffer for Senator Paul Wellstone's campaign, office telephone number [ ] home telephone number [ ] was interviewed at their campaign headquarters located at 2550 University Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota. [ ] was advised as to the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. [ ] provided the following information:

[ ] received the mail from the postal carrier on Thursday, October 24, 2002, sometime between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. [ ] home telephone number [ ] another employee for Wellstone's campaign, began opening the individual pieces of mail received that day. While opening the mail [ ] came across a postcard containing threatening language written on it with no return address or name.

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[ ] stated that their office occasionally receives threatening phone calls and letters, but this letter was much more concerning to them. [ ] stated that after receiving the post card Wellstone's office contacted Agent [ ] with the Capital Police, in Washington D.C. According to [ ] they were told that two members of the House also had received letters that appeared similar in hand writing and the type of post card used.

[ ] placed the post card in a zip-lock plastic bag to preserve the post card. [ ] stated that several individuals had more than likely touched the post card before it was placed in the bag. [ ] indicated that she had touched the post card along with [ ] and possibly [ ] State Director, cell phone number [ ]

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b7CInvestigation on 10/26/2002 at St. Paul, MinnesotaFile # 149A-MP-62632 -5 Date dictated 10/26/2002

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/29/2002

To: Minneapolis

Attn: SSA [redacted]

From: Minneapolis

Duluth RA

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 149A-MP-62632-4 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB;  
Senator Paul Wellstone - Victim;  
Destruction of Aircraft

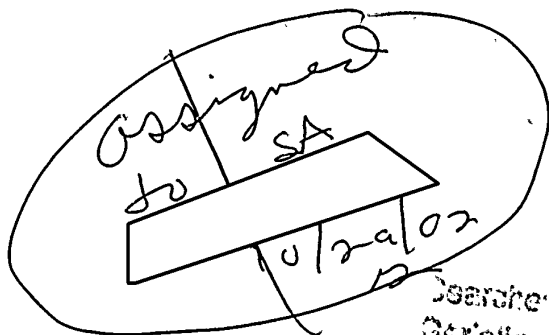
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Synopsis: Lead to interview [redacted]

Details: On 10/29/2002, Special Agent [redacted] U.S. Capitol Police, advised the FBI that Senator Wellstone's office in St. Paul had received telephone calls from a [redacted] who was insistant that someone return his call. SA [redacted] telephoned [redacted], who told [redacted] that he was a [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
last name unknown. [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] hated Senator Wellstone and and threatened to sabotage his plane if he could get away with it. [redacted] can be contacted at cell phone [redacted]

The above information was furnished to [redacted] NTSB, who requested that the FBI conduct an in-person interview of [redacted].



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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/29/2002

[redacted] Special Agent, United States Capital Police, Threat Assessment Section Investigations Division, 119 D St., NE, room 605, Washington DC 20510, arrived at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 29, 2002, at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Writer turned over evidence that was obtained by the FBI from [redacted] Staffer for Senator Paul Wellstone's campaign. The evidence was obtained on October 26, 2002, from Wellstone's office located at 2550 University Ave., Suite 100N, St. Paul, Minnesota. The evidence obtained was a post card that contained a threatening message.

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Writer completed a FD-597, releasing the above stated evidence to Special Agent [redacted] who then took possession of the post card.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/07/2002

To: Minneapolis

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

From: Minneapolis

Squad 4/Duluth RA

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED] *JS*

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 149A-MP-62632 (Pending) *-8*

Title: SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE (DECEASED);  
SHEILA WELLSTONE (DECEASED);  
MARCIA WELLSTONE MARKUSON (DECEASED);  
MARY McEVOY (DECEASED);  
THOMAS LAPIC (DECEASED);  
WILL McLAUGHLIN (DECEASED);  
RICHARD CONRY (DECEASED);  
MICHAEL GUESS (DECEASED);  
CRASH OF BEECH KING A100 at EVELETH, MN  
10/25/2002  
DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT

Synopsis: Information received and furnished to NTSB.

Details: On 10/26/2002, a discussion was held with the NTSB Lead Investigator, [REDACTED] to advise him of information which had come to the attention of the FBI during the first day following the crash of the plane which carried Senator Paul Wellstone and seven others. The following information was furnished to [REDACTED]

1. The Capitol Police advised that a threatening postcard was received at the St. Paul Office of Senator Paul Wellstone on or about 10/24/2002. The writing on the postcard appeared to the Capitol Police to be identical with handwriting on a similar postcard recently received by two members of the House. This matter was being investigated by the Capitol Police.

2. Capitol Police further advised that on or about 10/23/2002 a voice mail message was received at Senator Wellstone's office which stated, "The Senator SOB should be shot," or words to that effect. The voice sounded to staff members like that of an elderly intoxicated male. There was no caller ID.

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3. An Ely Lake resident reported hearing shots in the woods during the morning hours sometime before the plane went down.

4. A Wellstone staff member reported that after the plane crash they received a telephone call from a Jacksonville, Florida, resident who believed that board members of the American Trucking Association were responsible for the plane crash, and speculated that these individuals had disconnected the de-icers on Wellstone's plane.

5. Capitol Police advised that Senator Wellstone's office received a voice mail message on 10/26/02 from [redacted] phone [redacted] an apparent former Executive Aviation employee, who advised that there had been a prior plane crash in Denver, Colorado, involving an Executive Aviation plane.

6. Minnesota Department of Public Safety representative [redacted] reported overhearing an Ely Lake resident at a local McDonald's restaurant state that he had heard a plane go overhead twice, and that the plane went over very low the second time.

7. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office reported that a local resident, [redacted], advised them that he believed a neo-fascist organization was tied to the plane crash. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that the NTSB would look into the information furnished by the former Executive Aviation employee re prior history of its plane(s), and that NTSB investigators would interview local witnesses who saw or heard the plane in the area prior to the crash. NTSB investigators would also look at the wreckage for indications of damage to the plane, including the de-icing equipment. He advised that no further action by the FBI to the above furnished information was necessary at this time, and that the NTSB would advise the FBI if its investigation revealed any indication that the crash was due to anything other than accidental causes.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/07/2002

To: Minneapolis

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

From: Minneapolis

Squad 4/Duluth RA

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Title: SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE (DECEASED);  
SHEILA WELLSTONE (DECEASED);  
MARCIA WELLSTONE MARKUSON (DECEASED);  
MARY McEVOY (DECEASED);  
THOMAS LAPIC (DECEASED);  
WILL McLAUGHLIN (DECEASED);  
RICHARD CONRY (DECEASED);  
MICHAEL GUESS (DECEASED);  
CRASH OF BECH KING A100 at EVELETH, MN;  
10/25/2002  
DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT

Synopsis: [REDACTED] interview information furnished to NTSB.

Details: On 10/30/2002, the results of the FBI interview of [REDACTED] was furnished to [REDACTED], NTSB. [REDACTED] advised that the NTSB had also contacted [REDACTED] by telephone. It was noted that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] whether he still worked for Executive Aviation, or whether he could have or would have worked on the Beech King A100 before its crash on 10/25/2002.

[REDACTED] advised that the examination of the wreckage and the NTSB investigation to date revealed no indication of tampering. He advised that in the normal course of investigation the NTSB would review the maintenance records of the aircraft, and they would advise the FBI if further identification of [REDACTED] or investigation at Executive Aviation due to [REDACTED] remarks was warranted. In light of the above, UACB, no further investigation by the FBI re Executive Aviation will be conducted unless so requested by the NTSB.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/29/2002

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]  
[redacted] Minnesota, 55742, home telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed at the Fayal Township Hall, Fayal, Minnesota. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that at approximately 8:30 a.m. this morning he left his home to look for timberwolves near the Fire Trail Road which runs next to the Embarrass River. He had been at this location the previous Wednesday and observed a timberwolf and was hoping to catch a glimpse of the wolf again. He spent most of this morning approximately 2.0 miles North of Bodas Road on the Fire Trail Road. He believes, but is not quite sure of the exact time, he heard gun shots around 10:00 a.m. The gun shots were just South of Bodas Road, approximately two miles straight South from his location. He first heard a single gun shot, then a few seconds later another single gun shot. He thought maybe someone was shooting target practice. Then [redacted] heard 3-4 quick gun shots, then silence. This did not seem like target practice, but he thought nothing more of the quick shots. He arrived back home at approximately 11:45 a.m. and his wife informed him that Senator Wellstone's plane crashed in the area. He thought nothing of the gun shots he heard earlier in the morning. [redacted] advised that he is certain that the gunshots he heard were fired from a high powered rifle, possibly a 30-06 caliber rifle.

This evening he watched the 6:00 p.m. news and this time he recalled the gunshots in the area of the crash site. [redacted] felt it was his civic duty to let someone know about the gunshots. He did not see the plane nor did he hear a plane that morning. [redacted] pointed out his location, the approximate area of the gun shots and the approximate area of the crash site on a map. (Placed in 1A)

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SA [redacted] immediately passed on the above information to Acting NTSB Chairman [redacted] NTSB Lead Investigator [redacted]  
[redacted] This information was furnished to NTSB Investigator [redacted]  
[redacted] on October 26, 2002.

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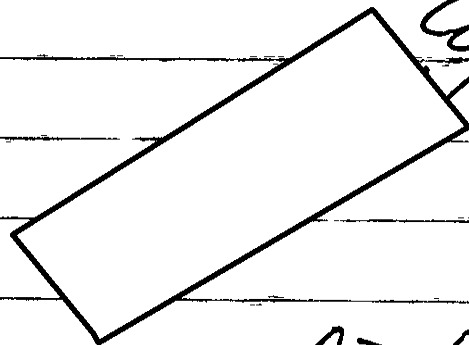
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AGENCY-US POSTAL INSP SERV SAINT PAUL (MNP000100)  
AGENCY CASE-0389152-FB  
CHARGE 1-MAIL FRAUD

COURT-  
CHARGE-MAIL FRAUD  
SENTENCE-  
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2-ARRESTED OR RECEIVED 1990/06/08  
AGENCY-FED PRISON CAMP YANKTON (SD066017C)  
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Case ID #: 149A-MP-62632-12 (Pending)  
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Title: UNSUB;  
SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE - VICTIM;  
DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT

Synopsis: To advise of Minneapolis Evidence Response Team (MP ERT) callout for the above captioned incident.

Details: On Friday, 10/25/2002, at approximately 10:30 AM, a turbo prop aircraft carrying United States Senator Paul Wellstone (Democrat Minnesota), his wife, daughter, three staff members, and two pilots, crashed in a wooded, swampy area south of the Eveleth, MN airport. Minneapolis ERT was dispatched to the scene at approximately 1 PM to assist the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in their investigation of the crash.

The initial briefing was held at approximately 10 PM Friday evening. Those in attendance included the NTSB, MP ERT, the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office (SLCSO), the St. Louis County Medical Examiner, and the Eveleth Fire Department Chief. At the briefing, the MP ERT was informed that the crash site debris field was relatively small and located on a high/dry spot in an area otherwise surrounded by bogs. Additionally, the scene was going to be very difficult because it was approximately 500 yards from the nearest paved road and accessible only by walking through intermittent knee deep mud. It was determined that the body recovery process would begin at approximately 8 AM the next morning.

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By Saturday morning, a custom built vehicle called "The Brute", specifically designed for use in this type of terrain, and a tracked piece of firefighting equipment, had been brought to the scene to shuttle personnel from the paved road to the crash site. MP ERT initially assisted the NTSB in searching the wooded area around the crash site to locate and flag the flight data recorder, aircraft parts and signs of prop shear in the trees. Subsequently, the St. Louis County Medical Examiner arrived and spent more than six hours carefully removing the badly burned remains of the eight victims.

MP ERT then sifted through the remaining ash and wreckage to locate additional human remains, personal effects, and aircraft parts such as switches and gauges as indicated by the NTSB personnel. MP ERT located numerous personal items that included bone fragments, watches, rings, campaign buttons, keys, and coins. MP ERT also assisted in measuring, photographing, sketching and otherwise documenting the site. All human remains and personal effects were turned over to the Medical Examiner. All aircraft parts were turned over to the NTSB at the scene.

On 10/27/2002, at the Sunday night progress meeting, the NTSB investigator in charge, [REDACTED] indicated that they no longer required assistance from the MP ERT. He stated on several occasions that he greatly appreciated our help and willingness to perform tasks such as sifting.

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On Monday 10/28/2002 MP ERT returned to Minneapolis. Approximately 300 hours were expended by the 8 members of the MP ERT that responded to this incident.

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On October 28, 2002, the following items were transported and released to Dr. [REDACTED] Medical Examiner, University Medical Center Mesabi, Hibbing, Minnesota:

1. Large metal watch
2. Smaller metal watch
3. Set of keys
4. Miscellaneous metal pieces, including glass bottle and buttons
5. Miscellaneous fragments

These items were recovered by the FBI Evidence Response Team at the plane crash site.

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Investigation on 10/28/2002 at Hibbing, MN

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# Officials focus on 'curious turn'

**FEW CLUES:** Investigators have found no explanation for the plane's sudden change of course after a routine flight.

BY HANNAH ALLAM, TODD NELSON,  
PHILLIP PINA AND CHARLES LASZEWSKI  
ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS

The plane carrying Sen. Paul Wellstone began to drift off course at least two minutes before it crashed, the first sign of trouble in the flight and one that so far has no explanation, officials said Sunday.

With much of the plane reduced to ashes by the devastating impact and ensuing fire, investigators sifted through debris by hand Sunday, collecting even dime-sized items they hoped were clues in figuring out why the aircraft swerved and dove to the ground, killing Wellstone and seven others Friday morning. In addition to combing over maintenance records, officials are determining the condition of the engines, propellers and other equipment.

So far, the effort has yielded a few pieces of the cockpit, part of the altimeter and possibly part of another gauge.

Wellstone, 58, was headed to a funeral with his wife, Sheila, 58, and daughter, Marcia, 33. The others on board were campaign staff members Tom Lopic, Mary McEvoy and Will

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Federal investigators on Sunday sift through the wreckage of the twin-engine plane that crashed near Eveleth on Friday, killing Sen. Paul Wellstone along with his wife, daughter and five others. Clues to the cause of the crash have been slow to emerge.

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# CRASH | *No evidence of any problems during flight*

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McLaughlin; Capt. Richard Conry and co-pilot Michael Guess. All were killed.

Remains of the victims were to be released to their families as soon as autopsies are complete.

The flight, which left the Twin Cities at 9:37 a.m. Friday, had been routine until its final minutes, according to a reconstruction of the flight based on radar data reviewed by investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board.

At 10:18 a.m., the pilot got clearance to land at the Eveleth-Virginia Municipal Airport, lined up the aircraft with the runway and was heading straight west. Everything appeared routine, said Carol Carmody, acting NTSB chairwoman.

"There was no evidence on the controller's part or from the pilot's voice that there was any difficulty," Carmody said of the last conversation between the pilot and the ground. "No reported problems. No expressed concern."

Something changed in the next 60 seconds, because at 10:19 a.m. the twin-engine aircraft began drifting slightly to the south, radar showed. The last appearance on the radar came about two minutes later as the plane was just north of the crash site's east side.

"A normal landing would have continued heading straight west," Carmody said. "We find the whole turn curious."

Carmody said investigators are looking for clues concerning:



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A photo of Sen. Paul Wellstone (right) and his campaign worker Will McLaughlin was placed as a memorial at the site of the plane crash that killed Wellstone; his wife, Sheila; his daughter, Marcia Wellstone Markuson; McLaughlin; and four others Friday.

■ The de-icing boots on the plane's tail and wings and whether they were working and whether the pilot had used them. At 10:01 a.m., the pilot was cleared to Eveleth and given an advisory concerning reports of icing between 9,000 and 11,000 feet.

■ The engines, removed from the crash field Sunday and taken to the airport, and to what extent they were working when the plane crashed.

■ The propellers and their condition.

■ An airport landing beacon, owned and maintained by the state, that the FAA found to be slightly out of tolerance Saturday and was retesting Sunday.

■ The plane's maintenance records and the pilots' records. Carmody said a review of the maintenance records, still incomplete, had turned up nothing unusual. She said she had received no information on the pilots.

NTSB officials estimated they would spend three to five more days on-site.

The crash site is so densely wooded that the area was dark even though the sun was shining Sunday. The plane is mostly ashes; part of the tail and part of the right wing appeared to be the only recognizable pieces.

In about a 50-foot radius around the craft, the ground was charred. Purple tape was attached to trees that had damage from the plane. One had been hit by a propeller. The descent of the plane into the trees was visible, a trail indicating a fast dive after the plane initially struck the trees.

For several pilots, Friday's tragedy brought back memories of the 1993 crash near Hibbing, in which 18 people died. In both crashes, the planes encountered bad weather and were flown by two-pilot teams of a veteran airman and a co-pilot with far fewer hours logged in the air.

After a six-month investigation into the Hibbing crash that brought out contentious details about the conduct of the pilot and inexperience of the co-pilot, the NTSB ruled the crash was caused by several factors. Among them were pilot error and the fact that the plane lacked certain pieces of safety equipment that have long been standard on larger aircraft.

What the pilots in Friday's crash discussed in their final moments will remain a mystery because the plane was not equipped with a cockpit voice recorder. Although the plane was not required by law to have one, a recorder would likely have helped investigators, who may have little to go on because of the heavy damage to the aircraft.

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Title: CHANGED

SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE (DECEASED);  
SHEILA WELLSTONE (DECEASED);  
MARCIA WELLSTONE MARKUSON (DECEASED);  
MARY McEVOY (DECEASED);  
THOMAS LAPIC (DECEASED);  
WILL McLAUGHLIN (DECEASED);  
RICHARD CONRY (DECEASED);  
MICHAEL GUESS (DECEASED);  
CRASH OF BEECH KING A100 at EVELETH, MN;  
10/25/2002  
DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT

Synopsis: Initial response and preliminary investigation conducted.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect identities of victims onboard the Beech King A100 which crashed near the Virginia-Eveleth, Minnesota airport on 10/25/2002. Title previously carried as "UNSUB; Senator Paul Wellstone - victim; Destruction of Aircraft."

Details: On Friday, October 25, 2002, at approximately 10:21 a.m., a Beech King A100 flying from Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, carrying six passengers and two pilots crashed on approach to the Virginia-Eveleth, Minnesota, airport. All on board the aircraft perished. They were: Senator Paul Wellstone (D-MN); his wife Sheila Wellstone; their daughter Marcia Wellstone Markuson; staff member Mary McEvoy; staff member Will McLaughlin; staff member Thomas Lapid; the pilot Captain Richard Conry; and co-pilot Michael Guess. Senator Wellstone was travelling to Virginia, Minnesota to attend the funeral of the father of Thomas Rukavina, a Minnesota State Representative and family friend. -17

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The impact of the crash and the resulting fire destroyed the aircraft. The crash site was located in a densely wooded area approximately 1/2 mile from Bodas Road in Fayal Township, and access to the site was difficult due to the woods and swampy terrain. The initial response was conducted by the Fayal Township Fire and Rescue Squad (FTF&R) and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office (SLCSO). An on-scene command post was established by the SLCSO and traffic was restricted by the Minnesota State Patrol (MSP). An EOC (off-site operations center) was later established at the Fayal Town Hall.

The two agents of the Duluth Resident Agency immediately responded to the crash site to assist local authorities, who had secured the scene after ascertaining there were no survivors, and to await the arrival of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) team. Agents of the Bemidji RA arrived as well as the SAC and a Supervisor from the Minneapolis Office, the MP Media Coordinator, and eight members of the MP Evidence Response Team.

On Friday night, 10/25/2002, the NTSB held an initial operational meeting at the EOC at the Fayal Town Hall to outline investigative strategy. Attendees included the NTSB team, SLCSO, the MSP, FTF&R, MN Dept of Public Safety, the United States Capitol Police, and the FBI. [redacted] Acting Head of the NTSB, was introduced as the official spokesperson for any media contact. [redacted] was identified as the Investigator-in-Charge of this investigation. The SAC of the Minneapolis Office offered the assistance of the FBI. The SLCSO and MSP provided overnight and continuous security for the crash site and traffic perimeter.

Beginning on Saturday morning, 10/26/2002, and continuing through the evening of 10/27/2002, the ERT assisted the NTSB in the search of the crash site and the recovery of human remains and personal property belonging to the victims. All remains and personal property were turned over to the medical examiner, Dr. [redacted], University Medical Center Mesabi, Hibbing, Minnesota. All eight individuals on board the aircraft were positively identified through dental records.

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The FAA also arrived on 10/26/2002, well as representatives from the pertinent airplane parts manufacturers. Progress meetings were held by the NTSB at the Fayal Town Hall each evening through October 29, 2002. It was explained that this phase of the investigation was the data gathering stage, and that the analysis of the data would continue for some time. The

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FBI attended progress meetings each evening 10/25/02 - 10/28/02, and maintained telephone contact with the NTSB thereafter.

Initial information obtained from NTSB investigators revealed that they were looking at the weather conditions, equipment on the ground and the aircraft, communications between the pilot(s) and air traffic controllers, and examination of the wreckage. It was determined that there was no cockpit voice recorder contained on the aircraft, and none was required. It appeared that the pilot(s) had elected not to travel after a 7:15 am weather information request, but did file a flight plan after an 8:15 weather information request. The weather conditions included light snow and mist, a temperature hovering around the freezing mark, some icing and fog at varying altitudes. The plane left Minneapolis St. Paul at approximately 9:37 am. Near the Virginia-Eveleth Airport the plane was cleared for approach. There was no indication of anything wrong. The pilot did not indicate distress in his last transmission with the controller at 10:18 am. Radar data indicated that upon approach to the airport the aircraft made an unusual sharp left turn to the south, with a continuous air speed decrease. The last radar data fix was at 10:21 a.m. Witnesses reported hearing a low-flying aircraft, silence, and then an explosive sound. Survey of trees at the wreckage site indicated that the plane fell at an average 25 degree angle. Initial inspection of the wreckage revealed no sign of pre-crash foreign object damage and no major pre-crash damage to the engines. The NTSB could not initially determine why the plane made the left turn, and there was no definitive cause of the accident after this initial phase of the investigation.

UACB, the FBI will continue to assist the FAA and NTSB with any requests they may have and will notify FBIHQ of significant developments.

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# Impact, not fire, killed 8 in plane crash

## Medical examiner lists cause of death

BY CHARLES LASZEWSKI  
Pioneer Press

U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone and the seven others killed in a plane crash Oct. 25 died from the impact, not the fire that later engulfed the plane, the St. Louis County medical examiner said Wednesday.

Dr. Thomas Uncini, St. Louis County's chief medical examiner, said he filed the death certificates Monday. In all eight cases, he listed the cause of death as "traumatic injury due to, or as a consequence of, an aviation crash with fire," he said.

The finding is not expected to have an effect on the investigation into why the crash occurred.

Uncini said his earlier examinations of the pilots had ruled out any type of medical condition such as a heart attack or a stroke. In addition,

no one suffered from a gunshot wound, he said.

"I looked," he said. "I X-rayed all the bodies and I looked for bullet fragments."

The determination took more than three weeks after the crash just outside Eveleth because the fire destroyed so much of the bodies and because he hoped the Federal Aviation Administration laboratory in Oklahoma City could work with tissue from the bodies to determine if anyone survived the initial crash.

The lab was unable to do tests on the passengers, who were more consumed by the flames than the pilots, Uncini said. He was able to obtain some blood from the pilots, and the lab confirmed there was no carbon monoxide in the blood,

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meaning they had died before they could inhale any smoke. Uncini concluded that all the victims died from the impact.

The plane crashed about 10:20 a.m. while making its final approach at the

Eveleth-Virginia airport in northeastern Minnesota. For some reason, the plane turned south, rather than continuing west the final several miles to the landing strip.

It crashed into a heavily wooded bog about two miles from the airport and burst

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into flame. All aboard perished, including Wellstone; his wife, Sheila; their daughter, Marcia Wellstone Markuson; campaign staff members Tom Lopic, Mary McEvoy and Will McLaughlin; and pilots Capt. Richard Conry and Michael Guess.

The National Transportation Safety Board has been investigating the cause of the crash. Paul Schlamm, a spokesman for the board, said the medical exami-

er's cause of death does not affect the investigation. There is nothing new to report on the investigation, he added, as investigators pore over the data they have collected. It will be months before the safety board issues a report.

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# Impact, not fire, likely killed Wellstone pilots

*But cause of passengers' deaths isn't definite yet*

By Larry Oakes  
Star Tribune Northern  
Minnesota Correspondent

DULUTH — The pilots killed with Sen. Paul Wellstone and five others on Oct. 25 did not die from the fire that followed the plane crash, St. Louis County medical examiner Thomas Uncini said Thursday.

However, contrary to a news report circulated Thursday, Uncini said fire has not

been ruled out as a factor in the deaths of the plane's passengers, who included Wellstone's wife and daughter, two campaign staff members and a state DFL Party official.

"I'm still working to see if the fire did contribute in some way to the deaths of some of them," Uncini said in a phone interview from his office in Hibbing.

"I think they died from the crash, but whether or not they died immediately on impact is

something I'm still working on."

Uncini said that despite the still-pending investigation, he completed death certificates Monday for all eight victims, because families need the certificates as soon as possible to proceed with settling affairs of the deceased.

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— Five of eight death certificates filed with state.

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### Five of 8 death certificates have been filed with state

However, only five of those certificates were on file with the state on Thursday. Officials said death certificates normally are passed from medical examiners to funeral directors, who add demographic information and then file the certificates with the Minnesota Department of Health, which has an electronic system shared by counties.

The five certificates filed were for Paul and Sheila Wellstone; their daughter, Marcia Wellstone Markuson; copilot Michael Guess, and DFL Party official Mary McEvoy.

On each certificate the manner of death is listed as "accident," and the cause of death is listed as "traumatic injuries — secondary to aircraft crash with fire."

Uncini said he chose those

words so that they could encompass fire as a contributing factor in the deaths of the passengers, if that turns out to be the case.

On a line indicating the interval of time it took death to occur, Uncini wrote: "moments" on all five certificates. The time of death is listed as 10:30 a.m. — the approximate time the crash site was found — on all five.

Uncini previously has said that in most crashes like this one, traumatic injuries are the cause of death. He's also said that the pilots appeared to be in good health and that he didn't detect any physical ailments, gunshot wounds or other injuries that could have caused the crash.

He also has said previously that toxicology tests on chief

pilot Richard Conry were negative for alcohol or commonly abused drugs.

Uncini revealed Thursday that copilot Guess also tested negative for alcohol. However, the condition of his body made tests for other drugs or chemicals more difficult, and those tests still are pending, he said.

In his effort to determine if fire caused or contributed to the deaths of the crash victims, Uncini sent tissue samples to the Federal Aviation Administration laboratory in Oklahoma City, and asked that they be tested for the presence of carbon monoxide.

Uncini said Thursday that the lab was able to perform the test on the pilots' tissues, but not on those of the passengers.

The result for the pilots was negative, allowing Uncini to rule out fire as a cause of their deaths.

"The FAA was not able to do the passengers for me," Uncini said. "I'm trying to get them to another lab that has a process they think might work. It could take weeks."

Officials from the National Transportation Safety Board continue to investigate the crash, which occurred as the plane made its final approach to the Eveleth-Virginia airport. A report stating the probable cause of the crash is not expected for several months.

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PAUL WELLSTONE

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# SENATOR DIES IN CRASH

*Wife, daughter, 5 others killed when plane goes down*

By Pat Doyle, Paul McEnroe  
and Mark Brunswick  
Star Tribune Staff Writers

EVELETH, MINN. — U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, the Democratic populist who was known for his impassioned work on behalf of the underdog, died Friday morning when his plane crashed in woods on Minnesota's Iron Range.

All eight people aboard the plane were killed, including Wellstone's wife, Sheila Wellstone, 58, and their daughter, Marcia Markuson, 33.

The chartered twin-engine plane had left St. Paul Down-

town Airport about 9:30 a.m. Sen. Wellstone, 58, had been on his way to attend a funeral for the father of state Rep. Tom Rukavina, DFL-Virginia, when it went down about 10:22 a.m. in light snow about 1½ to 2 miles from the Eveleth airport, about 175 miles north of the Twin Cities.

The state came to a halt for a time as mourners left flowers and candles at the Wellstones' Cathedral Hill condominium, and Wellstone's campaign headquarters, both in St. Paul.

Political activity also came to a standstill as representatives from Minnesota's four major parties paid their re-

spects to Wellstone, who made an improbable journey from college professor to activist to the U.S. Senate.

Prayer services were held at the state Capitol, in Northfield, Minn., where Wellstone had taught political science at Carleton College, in Eveleth and at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, where the senator, who was seeking a third term, had been scheduled to debate Republican Norm Coleman and two other candidates who were challenging him for his Senate seat.

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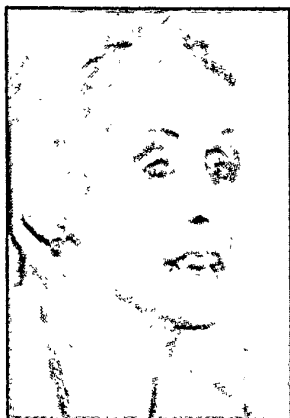
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## THE CRASH VICTIMS



**Sheila Wellstone**

58. She was equally as passionate as her husband. She was a nationally recognized advocate on domestic violence. But foremost she was his most trusted adviser, friend and companion.

The Wellstone-Coleman race was among the most hotly contested and closely watched in the country. Coleman announced that he would be suspending campaign activities, and said that the entire Wellstone family "has been selfless public servants who embodied the best of Minnesota."

Independence Party Senate candidate Jim Moore and the Green Party's Ray Tricomo ordered their campaigns suspended; Moore's until further notice and Tricomo's at least through the weekend.



**Marcia Wellstone Markuson**, 33. Was a teacher.



**Mary McEvoy**, 49. Associate chair of the state DFL Party.



**Will McLaughlin**, 23. Was the energetic staff member.



**Tom Lopic**, 49. Was Wellstone's soft-spoken deputy state director.



**Michael Guess**, 30. Was co-pilot for Executive Aviation.

**Capt. Richard Conry**, 55. Pilot for Executive Aviation.

Candidates for the Senate and other offices canceled advertising and appearances.

Standing outside his house in St. Paul, Coleman compared their hard-fought campaign to that of two boxers who would try for a knockout and then hug at the end of their bout.

"This is a terrible day for Minnesota," he said. "Paul Wellstone and I were political opponents, and that was it. That was it. I had the greatest respect for his passion. He was a fighter. The people of Minnesota are going to miss that. I'm going to miss that."

Now, state Democratic leaders intend to choose a replacement for Wellstone on the Nov. 5 ballot. Gov. Jesse Ventura declined to say Friday whether he will appoint an interim U.S. Senator to serve until January.

Others who died in the crash were Mary McEvoy, 49, of St. Paul, a University of Minnesota professor and DFL official; campaign staff members Will McLaughlin, 23, of St. Paul, and Tom Lopic, 49, of Eden Prairie, and pilots Richard Conry, 55, of Minnetonka and Michael Guess, 30, of St. Paul.

## Crash in wooded area

Township firefighters were the first to respond and were soon joined by 75 officers and rescue workers from St. Louis County and elsewhere.

A team from the National Transportation Safety Board, the FBI, and Charlie Weaver, the state's public safety commissioner, went to the crash site about 8:20 p.m. Friday, taking a convoy of 10 cars as close as they could get to the scene.

A press briefing was planned for later in the evening and more information is likely to be released today.

The FBI sent a 15-person evidence recovery team to the crash site. "When there is a U.S. senator on board we take all the precautions to make sure this was just an accident," said Paul McCabe, an FBI special agent who works in Minneapolis.

Asked whether terrorism was suspected, McCabe replied: "We have no indication nor do we have any intelligence information that would indicate this was an act of terrorism."

St. Louis County Sheriff Rick Wahlberg described the crash site, in Fayal Township, as a "typical wooded area of north-eastern Minnesota. It's very swampy, wet, a lot of pine trees. It's a real unpleasant piece of property."

A pilot who searched for the plane after it didn't arrive on schedule found it broken and burning in a wooded, swampy area southeast of the airport.

"There wasn't much left of the airplane . . . from what I could see," said Gary Ulman, an owner of Taconite Aviation, a private aviation firm at the airport. "It was engulfed in flames."

There were reports of light snow and an overcast sky during the morning, according to the FAA, the state climatology office and area residents. Visibility was about 3 miles. It's unclear if weather played a role.

FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said there "didn't appear to be" any sign of distress during discussions with the plane's crew about the approach to the airport.

Ulman said the pilot of the plane called in when it was about 7 miles from the airport. He said shortly afterward, his phone rang. Air traffic control in Duluth notified him that the plane hadn't checked in.

He got into his plane to look for the aircraft.

"I was following the track that they should have been on," he said. "I saw smoke that I thought was just a chimney fire. I thought I better go check it out anyhow . . . flew over it."

Then he saw the wreckage.

The plane was burning when sheriff's deputies arrived shortly after 11 a.m. and it remained burning until at least 3:30 p.m., Wahlberg said.

Authorities said they had no plans Friday night to remove bodies of the victims, who appeared to be in the burned fuselage of the plane.

## Tributes come in

Ventura ordered that flags on all state buildings be flown at half-staff through the Nov. 5 election. He said Minnesotans need to be strong and "to be strong all we have to do is remember Paul Wellstone's energy."

Said President Bush, speak-

ing from his ranch in Texas: "Paul Wellstone was a man of deep convictions. He was a plainspoken fellow who did his best for his state and for his country. May the good Lord bless those who grieve."

Wellstone's Web site, <http://www.wellstone.org>, replaced all of its campaign contents with a two-paragraph message printed on a white background. It read, in part: "Paul Wellstone was one of a kind. He was a man of principle and conviction, in a world that has too little of either. He was dedicated to helping the little guy, in a business dominated by the big guys. We who had the privilege of working with him hope that he will be remembered as he lived every day: as a champion for people."

Outside Wellstone's campaign office, people left flowers and signs in tribute to the senator, who had originally pledged to serve only two terms in Washington, D.C., but changed his mind and decided to seek a third.

A similar outpouring took place as about 2,000 people gathered at the state Capitol under overcast skies for a memorial service.

Campaign volunteers, legislators and citizens not active in politics were among those gathered for the, quickly arranged memorial.

Roger Moe, the DFL candidate for governor, urged those in attendance to do a good deed Friday, to volunteer at a homeless shelter or help someone who is out of work.

"You tell them a friend of yours died today," he said, his voice cracking. "Tell them, 'You didn't know him, but he was your friend, too.'"

Wellstone's career as an ac-

tivist started in 1972 when he helped form a group called the Organization for a Better Rice County. Along with students from Carleton, he canvassed Northfield to find out how much housing there was in the city for its low-income residents.

He invited low-income people, the elderly and sympathizers like Patti Fritz to meet so they could talk about the issues.

"We were the hands, even the brains, and Paul was the heart," the cheerleader," said Fritz, who now lives in Faribault and is running for the state Legislature. "He convinced us that little people like us could make things happen if we worked together, stood up for ourselves."

"He always had so much energy, so much faith in people. He just never gave up. He taught us to be tenacious."

Fritz saw Paul and Sheila Wellstone on Saturday when they attended a fundraiser for her candidacy.

"He said the same things Saturday that he did back in '73. We can do amazing things together that we can't do separately, and we have to stand up for each other. That's what he always believed. That's how he lived."

In 1990, Wellstone surprised most political observers — first by winning the Democratic party's endorsement for the U.S. Senate and then by defeating the incumbent, Republican Rudy Boschwitz.

He defeated Boschwitz again in 1996.

Lisa Pattni had arrived at the Eveleth airport at 10 a.m., making sure she was there early. She was scheduled to be Wellstone's driver for the day,

taking him to his Duluth stops and then back again to the Eveleth airport by 9 p.m. "We got there a half-hour early," said Pattni, who lives in nearby Virginia.

For more than seven years, she had been Wellstone's northern Minnesota director.

But as she briefly described her arrival and wait for an airplane that would never arrive, Pattni paused on the telephone, and said she did not want to continue talking.

At Peter's Grill in downtown Minneapolis, an entourage of 30 people led by U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., arrived at 8:30 a.m. Kennedy had been in the Twin Cities campaigning for Wellstone, and Andy Atsidakos, a co-owner of the restaurant, said someone had visited Thursday and asked if the restaurant could handle a big crowd.

"[Wellstone] was supposed to be here with Ted Kennedy, but he went off," said Peter Atsidakos, Andy's cousin and co-owner.

Later in the morning, Kennedy was speaking of his Senate colleague at Boston Scientific Corp., still unaware of the tragedy.

"Give Paul a [helping] hand," he told a gathering of workers at the company's Maple Grove facility. "He really makes a difference and we really need him in the Senate."

He said Wellstone's "strong effort and good work" was "indispensable" in passing legislation in the final moments of the most recent congressional session that will help Minnesota's \$6 billion medical device industry. The bill, which Bush is expected to sign, will streamline the regulatory process for new product approvals.

Kennedy said.

Hours later, Kennedy joined former Vice President Walter Mondale, U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn., and Moe in mourning the death of the Wellstones, his aides and the pilots.

"We'll miss you, Paul, and we will never forget you," Kennedy said before a throng of reporters on the street corner outside Wellstone's campaign headquarters in St. Paul.

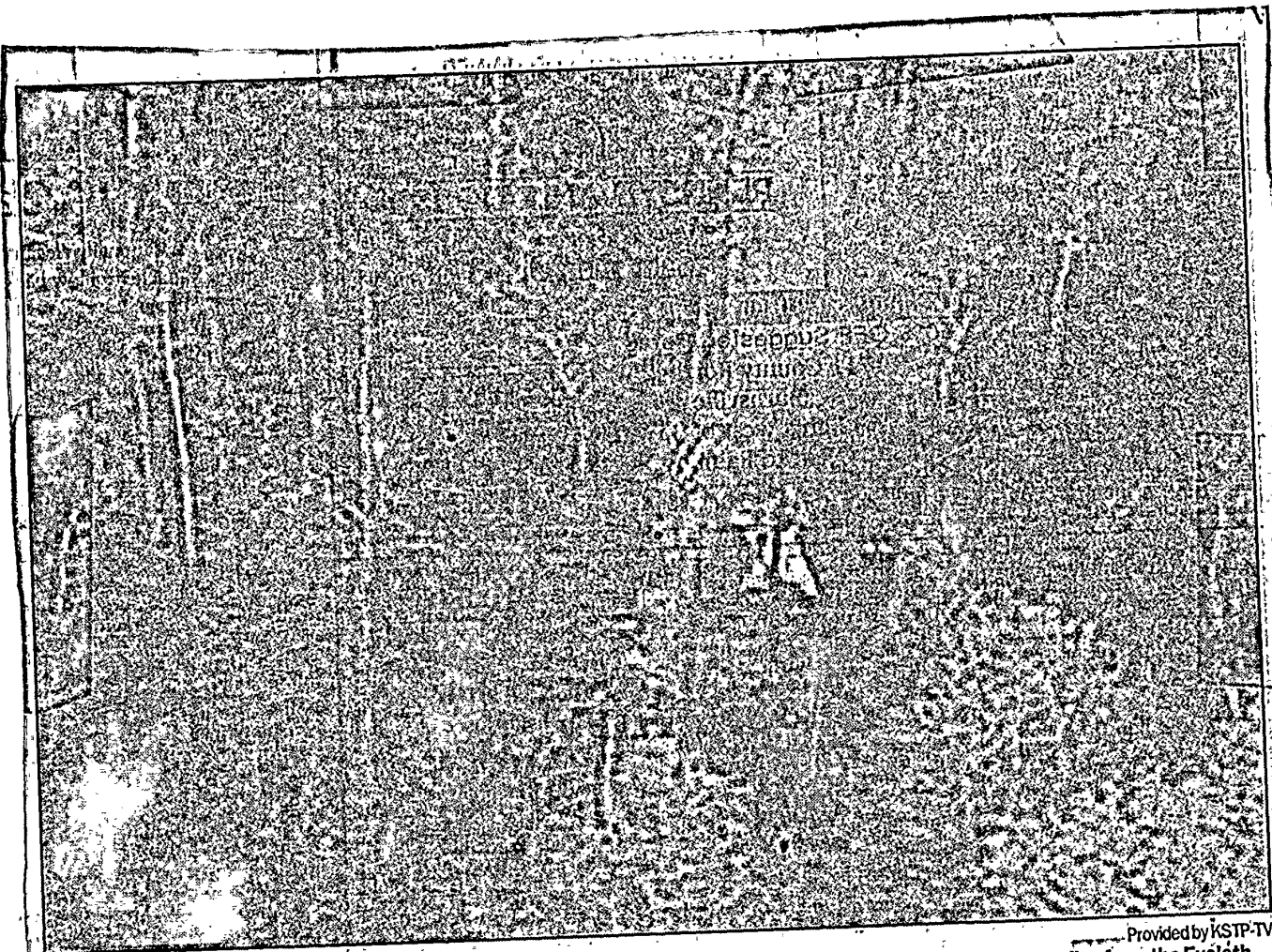
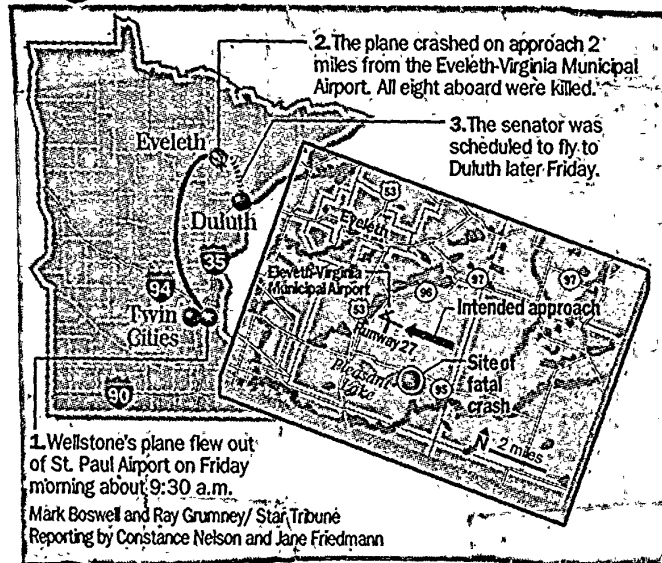
People gathered outside the headquarters as the news spread, and Kennedy and Mondale walked around the office, consoling the staff members and volunteers who were making calls and doing other tasks that are part of a campaign's final days.

"Senator Wellstone has logged tens of thousands of miles in small planes with his trusted pilot and co-pilot and a plane he has been in dozens of times," said Jeff Blodgett, Wellstone's campaign manager and a longtime confidante. "It's an Earth-shattering event. An unbelievable tragedy on so many levels. We're all grieving. The unthinkable is what it is."

In a press statement, the Green Party's Tricomo said: "I have no words to express my sorrow at this tragic turn of events. I can tell you that I admired Paul and Sheila's passion and love for the people of Minnesota. Both of them were a voice for the voiceless, and their passing will be felt deeply."

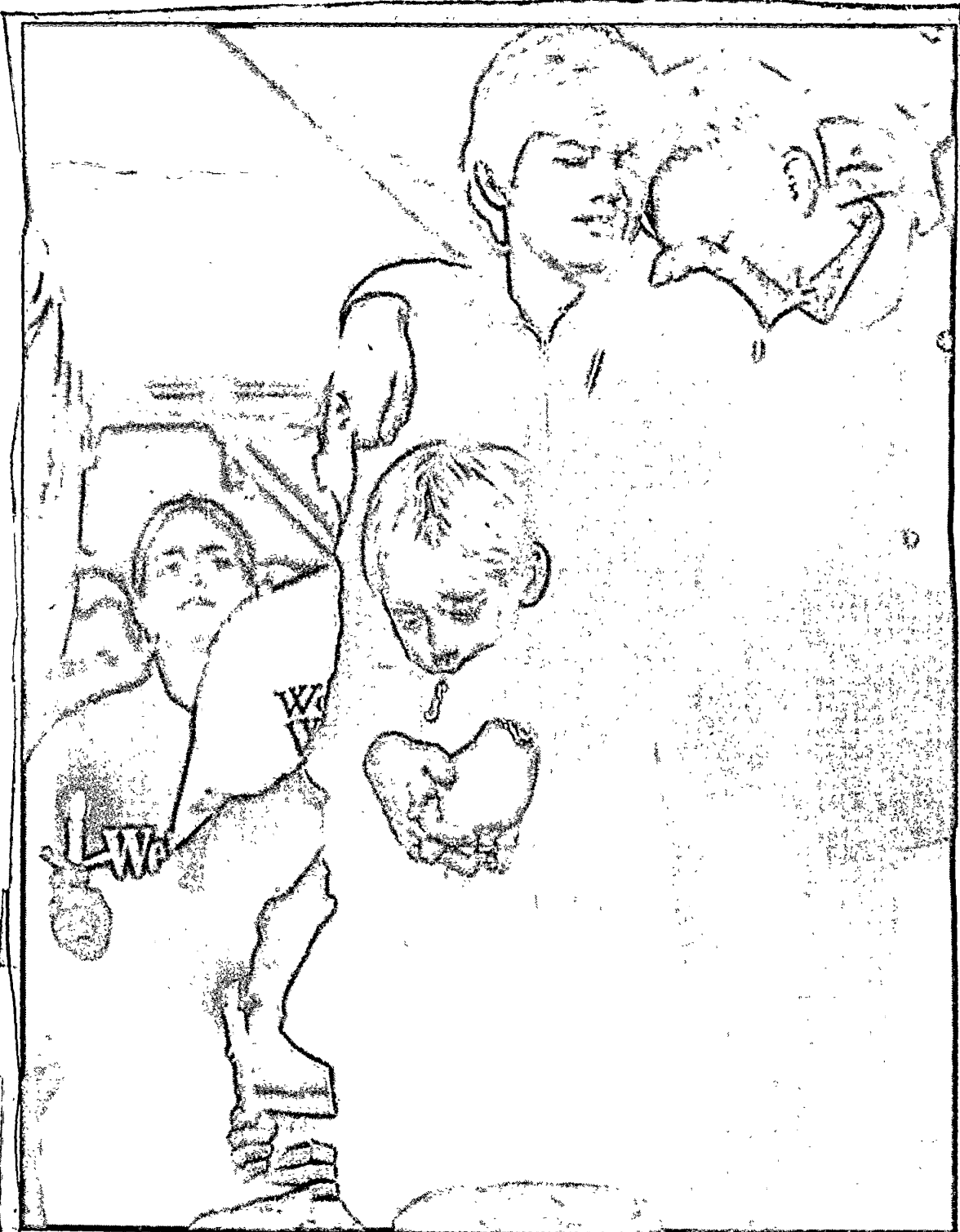
"Even if we disagreed on a number of issues, he was a true inspiration."

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Provided by KSTP-TV

A view from the air of the crash wreckage. The chartered twin-engine plane went down in light snow about 1½ to 2 miles from the Eveleth airport, about 175 miles north of the Twin Cities.



Richard Sennott/Star Tribune  
At a State Capitol vigil Friday, Wellstone campaign manager Jeff Blodgett grieved with his wife, Emily, and their son, Tim.

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November 20, 2002

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Dear Mr. Falls:

Enclosed please find a copy of the October 29, 2002 fax from Judge Schlesinger's law clerk, together with a copy of the October 29, 2002 correspondence of Mr.  to the Court for your review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

PAUL I. PEREZ  
United States Attorney

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# NTSB ends fact-finding in Wellstone crash

Officials aren't expected to issue a final report on the fatal accident until late this year.

By Tony Kennedy  
Star Tribune Staff Writer

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has completed its major fact-finding in the plane crash that killed Sen. Paul Wellstone, an NTSB spokesman said Tuesday.

But the next phase of the investigation — producing a final report that includes a proposed probable cause and proposed safety recommendations — could stretch past the one-year anniversary of the Oct. 25 accident. NTSB spokesman Paul Schlamm said the timing of the final report isn't easily predicted, but final reports in other major investigations have been produced 12 to 14 months after the accident.

On Tuesday, the NTSB made public its study of the navigational aid at the Eveleth-Virginia Municipal Airport, a subject previously mentioned because a post-accident check flight found the instrument slightly out of tolerance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines.

The NTSB reported that the nonprecision "VOR" radio beacon at Eveleth-Virginia has been characterized as a "rough facility" because ore in the surrounding ground has been known to affect its signal. But after several post-accident flight checks of the system, the NTSB reported no serious problems finding the runway.

"In all cases the VOR delivered the aircraft to a position relative to the runway appropriate for a normal transition

to landing," the report said.

If Wellstone's chartered airplane flew off course because of VOR problems, that misdirection alone wouldn't explain why the plane crashed. That's because the Eveleth-Virginia VOR provides only lateral guidance to a runway's centerline, not guidance for descending during the approach.

Still, the VOR report is of keen interest to Aviation Charter Inc., the air charter company that operated Wellstone's flight, which also killed the plane's two pilots, Richard Conry and Michael Guess, and five others.

Previous NTSB reports have noted that the pilots were flying below recommended speeds on the plane's final approach to the airport, raising the possibility of pilot error as the cause of the crash.

When investigators offer a probable cause in their final report, the NTSB will vote on it, Schlamm said.

Eden Prairie-based Aviation Charter has filed notification that it might sue the state of Minnesota for not precisely maintaining the VOR equipment at the Eveleth-Virginia airport. The state Department of Transportation's Office of Aeronautics maintains VOR transmitters at a dozen small airports in Minnesota.

Wellstone's plane was heading for an east-to-west landing on the Eveleth-Virginia runway when it veered south without making a distress call. The twin-turboprop King Air A100 crashed about two miles southeast of the runway. NTSB investigators found no mechanical problems with the plane, which was destroyed by the impact and fire.

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Ms. Carol Carmody  
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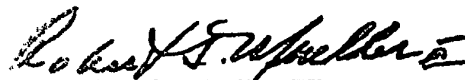
Dear Ms. Carmody:

Thank you for writing on November 8th to acknowledge the assistance your staff received from my colleagues in our Minneapolis Office during your investigation of the October 25th aviation accident in Eveleth, Minnesota.

I know Special Agent in Charge Deborah Pierce, Senior Resident Agent [redacted] and their associates recognize the importance of a cooperative relationship among various law enforcement agencies and were pleased to provide support to this important investigation. I noted you sent copies of your letter to Mrs. Pierce and Ms. [redacted] I am sure they have shared your generous comments with everyone involved, and I know they will all join me in thanking you.

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Sincerely yours,

  
Robert S. Mueller, III  
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## Pilot's checkered past probably wasn't a factor when senator, 7 others died

BY CHARLES LASZEWSKI  
and RICK LINSK  
*Pioneer Press*

In the aftermath of the fiery crash that killed U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone and seven others Oct. 25 near Eveleth, Minn., much of the attention, at least publicly, has focused on the troubled past of chief pilot Richard Conry.

The 55-year-old Minnetonka man's background has raised eye-

brows, including questions about his flying experience, moonlighting at a second job, a felony fraud conviction and an allegation that he sometimes treated passengers to risky maneuvers.

To many who knew Conry, his background made him a surprising choice to be flying Wellstone, his family and aides during the closing days of the Senate campaign.

Seven weeks after the crash, those familiar with such investiga-

tions and aviation safety say Conry's past problems and other idiosyncrasies are probably not to blame. Federal investigators are probably zeroing in on possible icing on the aircraft and how the chief pilot spent his final days.

The National Transportation Safety Board, which is conducting the official inquiry into the crash of the Beech King Air A100, has not publicly ruled out any cause. However, experts who have reviewed

crashes for the NTSB and the Air Force suggest the near-freezing conditions in northern Minnesota could have caused the plane to drift off course.

Paul Czysz, an aviation expert with decades of experience in plane crashes and investigations, echoed other experts when he said that if no mechanical failures are detected, icing becomes a lead suspect.

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Pilot Richard Conry "just wanted to be in the air," said one man who flew with Conry. "It's tough to believe he crashed."

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"Even a little ice can get you into a stall," said Czynsz, a professor emeritus at the St. Louis University Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering. "You already are at a minimal speed. In landing, an eighth of an inch (of ice) is a disaster. Ice can cover ... in the blink of an eye."

Safety board investigators already have reported that Conry and co-pilot Michael Guess were advised of icing that day at 5,000 to 11,000 feet, and they took the plane higher to avoid it. But the ground temperature at Eveleth was only a few degrees above freezing, which Czynsz said could actually worsen any icing problems. Other investigators noted that just as swimmers might suddenly hit an area of water that is noticeably colder than the rest of a lake, the same can happen in the sky.

The wings and tail of the King Air A100 are equipped with ice boots, which can be inflated to burst heavy accumulations of ice. However, they are most effective when the ice is about a half-inch thick, Czynsz said.

Former NTSB Chairman Jim Hall said investigators probably are looking into the possibility of "super-cooled large droplet icing," something that has occurred in other northern climate crashes. It's a phenomenon that allows water to remain in a very cold liquid state even at temperatures in the 20s. When it hits a surface, it can quickly turn to ice, as sometimes happens on car windshields. It also is the cause of invisible "black ice" on roads.

A plane passing through such conditions would develop a clear coating of ice on the wings, which might easily go undetected by the pilot and not be thick enough for ice boots to break away. Even a thin layer of ice can severely affect the plane's performance, cutting lift and causing it to stall at normally safe speeds.

The plane was headed due west toward the runway when, minutes before landing, it inexplicably turned to the south. That turn, or roll, could have been caused by ice building up more heavily on one wing than the other, Czynsz and others said. The problem would arise quickly, causing the plane to shake, rattle and roll. The pilots would have had just seconds to deal with it, which might explain why they did not radio a distress message.

#### ERRATIC WORK SCHEDULE

Another key facet of the investigation centers on the pilots' work schedules, both for the charter, Executive Aviation, and elsewhere during the days preceding the 1020 a.m. Friday

crash. Of particular interest is Conry's moonlighting job as a nurse and whether his erratic work hours left him too tired to react crisply to a sudden crisis.

Many of those closest to Conry, including his wife, co-workers and the owners of Executive Aviation, declined to talk to the Pioneer Press about the pilot.

The National Transportation Safety Board has compiled a 72-hour history on Conry and on Guess, although it has not released its findings. What is known is that Conry flew from St. Paul to North Dakota and back between 3 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Thursday. He also worked a four-hour nursing shift, overseeing acute dialysis treatment at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale, ending around 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

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JIM HALL  
Former NTSB chairman

One person familiar with crash investigations, who agreed to speak only if he was not identified, said that schedule should have left Conry with plenty of time to rest before flying Wellstone's group to northern Minnesota.

Czynsz was less confident.

"If he was at all tired, it doesn't take much of a slip in icing conditions to bite you badly," he said. "I don't like it at all."

Hall, the ex-chairman of the safety board, said fatigue is a problem in all areas of the transportation sector, but it can't be ruled in or out in this crash because the plane had no cockpit voice recorder. Such devices are not required on smaller commercial planes including the one carrying Wellstone — a rule the NTSB has argued to change for years. Many aviation companies are reluctant to spend the \$26,000 necessary for a recorder unless it's required.

"This is a tragedy, and we

shouldn't have people flying in the U.S. for profit without a voice and data recorder," Hall said. "The best indicator (of pilot fatigue) would have been a cockpit voice recorder. A number of indicators would have shown up listening to it."

Conry's on-call nursing duties were not strenuous, said John Markus, a senior vice president for Fresenius Medical Care, the Massachusetts-based company for which Conry worked. He simply connected a patient to a dialysis machine and monitored the patient.

"The kind of work he did is just not the kind of work that would interfere with flying a plane," said Markus, who related the same information to NTSB investigators.

Conry only worked three shifts for Fresenius in October, Markus added. "He worked for us quite a lot several years ago" before shifting to a more occasional role, the company official said.

#### HOW GOOD A PILOT?

Conry grew up flying with his father and had his own plane by the early 1980s. He pursued a full-time flying job after real estate fraud charges ended his construction business.

According to Executive Aviation, which hired him in April 2001, Conry had logged just under 5,200 hours of flying time. He had an airline transport pilot certification, the highest possible rating. Guess, the co-pilot, was certified as a commercial pilot and had about 650 flight hours.

Rod Ahlsten, who gives pilots "check rides" part time at Executive Aviation, said he was told Conry was a good pilot. Twice a year, pilots take check rides, an extensive test consisting of an oral test, preflight checks and about two hours in the air, including some maneuvers in which emergency situations are simulated.

Conry passed his check ride the week of the crash, and Ahlsten spoke to the pilot who conducted Conry's test.

"I've heard nothing but good about his flying skills," Ahlsten said.

Several people who flew with Conry praised him, including Curt Anderson, a carpenter for Conry's defunct development

business.

Anderson said Conry also owned a stunt plane, in which he could fly upside down and perform loops. But he left the stunts behind when flying his usual single and double propeller planes, said Anderson, who flew with Conry about 40 times.

"His dream after construction was to fly," Anderson said. "He just wanted to be in the air. It's tough to believe he crashed."

In recent weeks, Conry's record has been marred by reports he overstated his experience when applying to Executive Aviation. Even in his 1990 federal trial related to a construction scheme, a prosecutor accused him of exaggerating his status with American Airlines, saying Conry was only a trainee, not a pilot flying passengers.

"I'm not what's called 'on the line,' but I'm still the right-hand-seat pilot," Conry insisted, suggesting his role at the time was that of a co-pilot.

Conry never had the opportunity to fly passengers for American. After his fraud conviction, the company asked him to leave, his lawyer said at his sentencing hearing.

At least two former acquaintances share a not-so-fond memory of a plane ride with Conry. The pair, in separate interviews, told the Pioneer Press that Conry deliberately stalled his plane in midflight to scare a traveling party in the mid-1980s.

Julie Olson, a former real estate agent, said the incident happened as Conry was flying her and two others in a small plane from Eden Prairie to a scheduled lunch in Faribault. At the time, Conry was building homes in Eden Prairie.

About halfway to Faribault, the plane stalled, Olson said. It only lasted a few moments, but it was frightening. "I thought the plane was in trouble," she said. "I thought maybe we were going to crash, that there was a mechanical problem or something."

Then the plane stabilized. Conry was laughing, she said.

John Ziebarth, a second passenger, also remembered the plunge. But unlike Olson, he said Conry first asked the passengers for permission to perform the stunt.

"I do remember him saying that's the way they do it, that's

the way they train. It still scared me to death," Ziebarth said.

Ziebarth said he had flown with Conry several times before and regarded him as an "excellent" pilot. Ziebarth once brought his three young children aboard, he said.

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Czyscz was concerned by the story of the intentional stall. But he and others were unsure that that incident, Conry's criminal record or the fact that Conry had worked as a nurse the night before would have any relationship to the Eveleth crash.

"I've known test pilots, and they don't try to show off," said Czyscz. "It's all business. It may not have any effect at all (on the crash), but it is a casualness you don't like."

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At a memorial service the week after the crash, friends and family described Conry as a gentle person always willing to help others.

Minnetonka lawyer Bill Henney was hired by Conry in the mid-1980s when his development company started running into legal problems. While never a close friend, Henney grew to know both Conry and his wife socially.

"He was a kind, gentle, thoughtful, caring, planning type of individual," Henney said. "It's a little disturbing to see all the negative press about this guy."

But in the weeks since the accident, another portrait has begun to take shape: the Dick Conry who would mislead, overreach or exaggerate.

He grew up in the Lake Minnetonka area and studied business at the University of Minnesota and Mankato State University. In 1972, Conry decided to follow in his late father's footsteps and join the construction business.

For 16 years, he built hundreds of homes. His downfall started in the mid-1980s when he was sued over a complex series of transactions between three businesses he set up. Subcontractors had built homes for the Conry companies but were not paid. Then they found their legal means to recover were blocked by Conry's maneuvers.

Conry lost a civil suit brought by one of the subcontractors, then was convicted on federal mail fraud charges related to the scheme. He was sentenced to two years in prison and five years of probation.

He also was ordered to pay restitution to 16 companies and people totaling \$204,002. He paid only \$3,130 before the checks stopped arriving in the clerk of court's office in 1998, according to court records.

Conry's business dealings also caused a rift within his family. Conry's lone sibling, Patricia Dickey, opposed his plans to build homes on land inherited from their father. An ardent environmentalist, Dickey at one point even sued Conry and their mother, Loretta Fritz. Dickey was estranged from her brother for 18 years.

"I just didn't agree with his business practices. But he was a very good pilot, at least from what I hear," she said.

Dickey predicted her brother's troubles will be proved irrelevant when the Wellstone plane's last moments are finally understood.

"You can go back and look at anybody's life," she said. "But the question is: Did he make a mistake, or did something happen to the plane? The NTSB will just have to get to the bottom of it."

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## propellers worked fine

### NTSB rules out some equipment failure as cause of plane crash

BY CHARLES LASZEWSKI  
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The two engines and the propellers were working properly and did not contribute to the plane crash that killed U.S. Sen.

Paul Wellstone and seven others, federal investigators said Tuesday.

The National Transportation Safety Board dismantled and examined the equipment and found "no evidence of preimpact

engine or propeller failure" before the plane crashed into a bog about two miles from the Eveleth, Minn., airport Oct. 25.

In addition, the records on the Beech King Air A100 revealed no outstanding maintenance items, according to a statement issued by the safety board. It was the first such update since investigators left the crash site in late October.

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As a result, the crash investigation now will focus on three things: the weather and icing conditions; pilots Richard Conry and Michael Guess, and whatever clues are gleaned next week from a simulated re-creation of the ill-fated flight.

The NTSB also said for the first time that Conry was flying the plane. Investigators said tape recordings revealed that co-pilot

Guess handled nearly all the conversations with air traffic controllers, a duty that normally falls to the pilot not at the controls.

The Pioneer Press reported Sunday that crash experts expected the investigation to focus on icing, a prediction supported by the NTSB on Tuesday.

Specialists at the National

Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., will work with the safety board investigators to "more accurately define the icing conditions that existed along the flight's route," according to the NTSB statement.

Icing, precipitation and other factors can be dramatically different at different altitudes, different locations and at different times, said NTSB spokesman Paul Schlamm.

"The degree of icing can be absent or it can be there, but in different degrees," he said. "It's not constantly there, and the degree is not the same. They will try to create a picture at all levels."

Next week, investigators will try to re-create the last few minutes of the flight using a simulator at FlightSafety International, a Wichita, Kan., flight-training facility. The NTSB will attempt to replicate the flight path, visibility and cloud conditions to learn what might have caused the plane to veer off course and crash.

Radar showed the King Air traveling at an unusually slow speed as it approached the Eveleth airport, something that has puzzled investigators. The simulator tests could reveal whether that might have been sufficient to put the plane into a stall.

Toxicology tests by the Federal Aviation Administration's Civil Aeronautical Medical Insti-

tute found that neither pilot had alcohol or illegal drugs in their systems.

Investigators have finished documenting the crew's activities during the 72 hours before the crash. They have interviewed Conry's wife, Guess' fiancée and Guess' mother. The safety board did not release details of those findings and is still looking at the employment, pilot and medical records of the two men.

Schlamm said the investigators did not indicate whether Conry's work schedule was a concern. Just 24 hours before flying Wellstone, Conry had flown to North Dakota and back. He also worked a four-hour stint as a dialysis nurse at a local hospital the evening before the campaign trip to northern Minnesota.

Schlamm said investigators are still evaluating whether that

schedule might have left the pilot fatigued or affected his ability to respond to a crisis.

Michael Padden, the lawyer representing Guess' parents, said Guess' mother told investigators that Guess had visited her the night before the crash, and he had been excited about flying Wellstone the next day. He had a routine week, she told the NTSB.

The safety board is not expected to release anything further until some time next year, when it will make public all of the material gathered during the investigation. Schlamm would not speculate when that might be. But given the pace of previous investigations, it would most likely happen next spring.

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# Pilots, not plane, now a focus of probe

## NTSB finds no evidence of engine failure in Wellstone crash

By Tony Kennedy and Paul McEnroe  
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Lacking evidence of mechanical failure in the plane crash that killed Sen. Paul Wellstone, federal investigators said Tuesday that they're looking at what role human factors may have played in the accident.

One focus centers on the workload of the two pilots as they made their final approach through cloud cover and near-freezing conditions, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said Tuesday. Investi-

gators have finished looking into the backgrounds of the two pilots and how they spent the final 72 hours before the Oct. 25 flight, the NTSB said.

Starting next week, the NTSB said, investigators will use a computer simulator in Wichita, Kan., to re-create the final approach of the Wellstone flight in the same visibility and cloud conditions that existed that day. In part, the simulations will "assess pilot activities and workload," the NTSB said in a written update of its eight-week-old investiga-

tion.

The Beechcraft King Air A100 carried no cockpit voice recorder or flight-data recorder. None was required. With its landing gear deployed, the plane drifted off its westerly course with no distress call, crashing at a steep angle just 2 miles southeast of the Eveleth-Virginia Municipal Airport.

**WELLSTONE continues on A23:**

Both engines and propellers appear to have been operating at time of impact, NTSB says.



Sen. Paul Wellstone was killed in a plane crash Oct. 25 near Eveleth along with seven others.

Found at a 90-degree angle to the runway, the cockpit and fuselage were severely damaged by impact and fire, destroying possible forensic evi-

dence.

The crash killed all eight people aboard, including Wellstone's wife, Sheila; their daughter, Marcia Wellstone

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Markuson; DFL Party official Mary McEvoy; Wellstone aides Will McLaughlin and Tom Lapic, and the two pilots.

As investigators reconstruct the final moments of the flight, they will try to determine why the plane's final recorded speed was only 85 knots, a dangerously low speed for a fully loaded King Air flying in possible icing conditions. Experienced pilots and crash investigators have been left to wonder how Wellstone's cockpit crew got into the notorious "low-and-slow" predicament.

Retired NTSB investigator Chuck Leonard said Tuesday in an interview that 85 knots would be very close to the plane's stall speed, the speed at which the airplane would lose its aerodynamic lift and spin down. Pilots can recover from such stalls, but not at low altitude. Wellstone's plane descended below clouds 400 to 700 feet above the ground.

"Eighty-five knots is right close to its lowest performance level," Leonard said. At that speed, "they can lose it in a big hurry."

U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., who is a private pilot, said in an interview that the pilots "should have been at 120 or 130 [knots], especially during icing. If you get that slow and you've got any ice at all, you are going to stall."

The NTSB didn't comment beyond its written update, which did not speculate about the cause of the crash. NTSB spokesman Paul Schlamm said the agency won't attempt to analyze the probable cause until after the fact-finding phase.

Leonard said he won't be surprised if the NTSB, in the end, is unable to determine the accident's probable cause.

From 1983 to 1999, the NTSB was unable to determine a probable cause in 11 air-charter accidents. During the same period, the agency was able to determine the probable cause or contributing factors in 278 air-charter accidents. Among those, pilot error was cited 213 times as the cause of the accident or as a contributing factor.

"They won't grope for a cause if they don't have any clear evidence," he said.

## No engine failure

In Tuesday's update, the NTSB said it closely inspected the two engines on Wellstone's chartered plane, which was operated by Eden Prairie-based Aviation Charter Inc. Consistent with indications at the crash site, the engine "tear-downs" provided no evidence of engine failure.

"Both the engines and propellers appear to have been operating at time of impact," the NTSB said.

Other updates in the NTSB release included the following:

- Capt. Richard Conry and co-pilot Michael Guess received two weather briefings before takeoff from St. Paul Downtown Airport.

- Specialists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research will help the NTSB more accurately define icing conditions on the flight's route. Schlamm said the specialists are used often by the NTSB when icing is a concern.

- Toxicological tests on

Guess and Conry indicated no evidence of alcohol or "drugs of abuse."

- The Eveleth airport's primary navigational aid has been slightly out of tolerance, but its accuracy "is suitable for en route flight."

Tuesday's report also indicated that Guess' voice is heard on "nearly all radio transmissions" with air traffic controllers. "Typically, the pilot working the radio is not the flying pilot," the NTSB said.

However, Schlamm said investigators haven't said whether Guess' voice was on the last transmission acknowledging clearance for final approach.

The question is important because it indicates who was most likely at the controls at the end. Co-pilot Guess had 650 total flying hours. Conry, the captain, claimed 5,200 total flying hours, although he had exaggerated his experience in turboprops when he was hired at Aviation Charter.

Vig, a flight dispatcher for Mesaba Airlines in the Twin Cities, said he told NTSB investigators that moderate icing was prevalent in northern Minnesota on the day of the Wellstone crash.

Vig said the icing wasn't a problem for Mesaba's pilots and shouldn't have been a problem for pilots experienced in those conditions. In addition, the King Air was equipped with de-icing equipment.

Leonard, the retired NTSB investigator, said icing could be listed in the final NTSB report as a contributing factor in the crash. But just as likely, he said, the NTSB could rule that fatigue was a factor.

Without his employer knowing, Conry, 55, worked the night before the Wellstone flight at his second job as a dialysis nurse. He also had been summoned in the wee hours of the morning on the day before the Wellstone trip to pilot an unexpected round-trip flight from St. Paul to Bismarck, N.D.

"They may throw fatigue in there," Leonard said. "It certainly is a mix."

The NTSB didn't disclose any of its findings on the activities of Conry and Guess in the 72 hours that preceded the Wellstone flight. It still is reviewing employment, pilot and medical records of both men.

## Dayton's decision

Meanwhile, Sen. Mark Dayton has decided he no longer will fly with Aviation Charter. On Monday, Dayton's staff cited safety concerns and still-unanswered questions surrounding the Wellstone crash as reasons why he dropped the charter.

Dayton will fly around Minnesota on planes operated by Elite Air Charter, a company that operates under Anoka Air Charter's certificate.

Elite Air is the same charter used by Sen.-elect Norm Coleman.

Dave Willman, an aviation consultant to Aviation Charter, said the company had no comment on Dayton's decision.

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Michael Guess  
was copilot on  
the Oct. 25  
flight.



Richard Conry  
was the pilot.

# Logbook offers

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### Wellstone captain often let less-experienced colleague fly

By Tony Kennedy  
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Star Tribune Staff Writers

The captain on Sen. Paul Wellstone's fatal flight had put his less-experienced copilot at the controls on at least two previous Wellstone flights, according to documents ob-

tained by the Star Tribune.

The detailed private logbook of copilot Michael Guess supports the possibility that Guess, rather than Capt. Richard Conry, was at the controls when Wellstone's charter plane went down Oct. 25, killing all eight people on board.

As investigators focus on the pi-

lots' roles and workloads while they were on approach to the Eveleth-Virginia Municipal Airport in low cloud cover, possible icing conditions and light snow, the logbook could provide a piece of the puzzle. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has not said whether its investigators know who was fly-

ing when the twin turboprop plane went down without a distress call.

The logbook shows that Guess liked flying with Conry because Conry allowed him to take the controls often and build up his hours of flying time, including takeoffs and landings.

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Departed MME for MVE with Wellstone and staff. The pressure was on because it was my leg to fly. The landing was good. FAB Part 135 STC Aviation Charter

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"It is awesome flying with Capt. Conry. He lets me fly most of the time," Guess wrote in an entry about a flight he shared with Conry last year on Christmas Day.

Guess, who had just 300 hours of turboprop flying experience at the time of the crash, was fixated on building as much time as possible at the controls. His dream of becoming a pilot for a major airline would require thousands of hours as "pilot in command."

"It is like a piece of gold," Guess, 30, wrote in describing the importance of the opportunity.

All pilots keep logbooks to document their flight experience. Guess' book, which he kept in a safe at his girlfriend's house, includes self-assessments of his landings, admissions that he needed to improve and notes about the pressure he felt when Wellstone and his staff were passengers.

It is not unusual for copilots to take the controls at the discretion of the captain, and other captains also let Guess fly. When they aren't at the controls, copilots help with navigation, handle radio communications and perform safety checks.

Guess' handwritten logbook contains descriptions of four separate trips that paired Guess and Conry, including a charter for Wellstone on Jan. 15, 2002.

On that day, Conry assigned Guess to fly four of the six legs. The plane had no passengers on two of those legs, but Guess was at the controls on two of the four legs that carried Wellstone, the logbook shows.

The importance of his passengers didn't escape him.

When they departed from the St. Paul Downtown Airport with the senator on board and Conry at the controls.

Guess later wrote, "We were under pressure, but we did everything good."

Of the **O**ut leg with the senator, from Marshall to Montevideo, Guess wrote, "The pressure was on because it was my leg to fly. The landing was good."

On that same day, returning with Wellstone to downtown St. Paul from Redwood Falls, Guess wrote, "I flew the entire leg."

There's no other mention in the logbook of Guess flying with Wellstone. St. Paul attorney Michael Padden said Guess was an excellent pilot. "He was licensed, and it was perfectly legal for him to be flying paying passengers," said Padden, who is representing Guess' mother, Marie Guess.

Yet Guess' relative inexperience has drawn attention. Jeff Johnson, an aviation professor at St. Cloud State University and an airline transport pilot, said he was taken aback to learn after the crash that Guess had only 650 total hours of flying experience.

"Anything less than a thousand hours, you're kind of in the trainee stage," Johnson said. "I was just surprised to see that the first officer [Guess] had 650 hours of flight time and he's the second pilot here flying a U.S.

senator."

Johnson, who has about 3,000 hours of total flying experience, flew charter flights for U.S. Sen. Charles Hagel, R-Neb., during Hagel's 2000 campaign. He said Hagel's staff insisted on two experienced pilots.

"If he [Guess] was still learning the ropes... that can actually increase the workload because now the captain's actually spending time not only flying the airplane, but training the other pilot," Johnson said.

### Youthful exuberance

Guess penned his final entry Oct. 22, about a trip from Baudette.

"An excellent opportunity to get PIC [pilot-in-command] time," he wrote. "My landing was good. Overall, this was a good flight."

Entries throughout the logbook show a boyish exuberance by Guess over his budding flying career. The book also includes passages where he reveals his own shortcomings.

Just two weeks before the fatal flight with Wellstone, Guess struggled with a landing in St. Paul. He was returning from Baudette.

"Unfortunately, my landing wasn't as smooth as it is normally," Guess wrote. "Well, even Michael Jordan misses a slam dunk sometimes."

The mere sight of other planes would sometimes merit a comment in his book, which reads like a series of postcards.

"When we taxied out, I noticed that the Air Guard had 10 F-16 Vipers parked on the

ramp. Very Cool!!!" Guess wrote about a flying trip he copiled in April 2002.

In a frank self-assessment one year ago, Guess acknowledged in his logbook how important it was for him to gain experience in the Beechcraft King Air A100 — the exact model of plane that Wellstone went down in.

"More experience in the 100 series is very important," he wrote in reference to a landing he made Sept. 13, 2001.

Besides Wellstone, the accident killed his wife, Sheila; their daughter, Marcia Wellstone Markuson; DFL Party official Mary McEvoy; Wellstone aides Will McLaughlin and Tom Lopic, and Conry and Guess.

Last week, the NTSB said it will try to replicate the flight in a simulator to assess "pilot activities and workload" during the final approach. Contrary to some published reports that placed Conry at the controls on the plane's final approach, the NTSB intentionally has not said who it believes was flying the twin turboprop airplane through the clouds and light snow that hung over the Iron Range that day.

While the NTSB is many months away from determining the probable cause of the

accident, possible pilot error has emerged as a focus of the investigation.

Just before the crash, the King Air A100 was drifting off course at a ground speed of 85 knots, about 425 feet above the ground. Aviation experts wonder how Wellstone's plane ended up so "low and slow" — a common precipitator of deadly stalls.

The NTSB said last week that Guess' voice is heard on "nearly all radio transmissions" with air traffic controllers. Typically, that would mean Conry was flying because nonflying pilots usually handle the communications.

But when pressed by the Star Tribune, the NTSB spe-

cifically did not say who was on the radio when the plane requested clearance for final approach.

"We stopped short of saying the captain [Conry] was flying," said NTSB spokeswoman Lauren Peduzzi.

Guess, a resident of St. Paul's Frogtown neighborhood who graduated from Cretin-Derham Hall High School in 1991, aspired to climb out of the air charter business but reveled in his low-paying job at Aviation Charter Inc., the Eden Prairie company that operated the Wellstone flight. The on-call work was the ticket he needed to advance, through experience. At Northwest Airlines, for example, pilots can't even be considered for jobs until they have a minimum of 3,000 hours.

"It is definitely apparent that I can't get enough of flying," he wrote in his logbook Sept. 18, about five weeks before he died. "I will not trade my flying career for anything."

According to the logbook, Guess compiled about 300 hours of multiengine flying time since July 2001, when he first flew passengers for Aviation Charter. He came to the company with about 400 hours of total flying time, mostly on noncommercial

flights and in single-engine planes. According to the logbook, Guess' background included a short stint in 1999 hauling jumpers for a skydiving firm in Hutchinson.

An Aviation Charter pilot who mentored Guess in the last year described him as a "good, hardworking kid."

But the pilot told the Star Tribune that Guess — while proficient at cockpit radio skills — still needed coaching on landings and takeoffs when he was assigned as "pilot in command." The pilot, who is favorably mentioned in Guess' logbook, asked not to be identified out of concerns for his job security at Aviation Charter.

If investigators determine Guess was at the controls at the time of the crash, Padden, Marie Guess' lawyer, said he probably would be unable to prove in a lawsuit that Conry was negligent. "That is, if Mike was the flying pilot and he was operating the plane too low and too slow," Padden said.

Until the NTSB investigation is complete, Aviation Charter has said it no longer will comment on the Wellstone accident. The crash in Eveleth was Aviation Charter's second fatal plane wreck in five years.

In December 1997, an Aviation Charter pilot erred on approach to a foggy runway in Colorado Springs, the NTSB has said. The King Air A100 crashed 500 to 600 feet to the runway's side. The lone pilot died along with a Northwest Airlines mechanic who was on board as a passenger.

Marie Guess said her only child was so passionate about flying, he would often spend his spare time parked along Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, watching takeoffs and landings and dreaming about flying the big jets for a living.

As a young boy, he talked about wanting to be a firefighter or train engineer. But at the age of 10 or 11, he fixat-

ed on becoming a pilot.

As an adult, he was active in the Golden Eagles, a group of black pilots who work to get black teens interested in aviation careers.

Marie Guess, who grew up poor in Louisiana, said Michael didn't drink, smoke, use drugs or hang out in bars.

"He knew not to go out in the streets," she said. "He was not a bit of trouble, ever. He was a good boy."

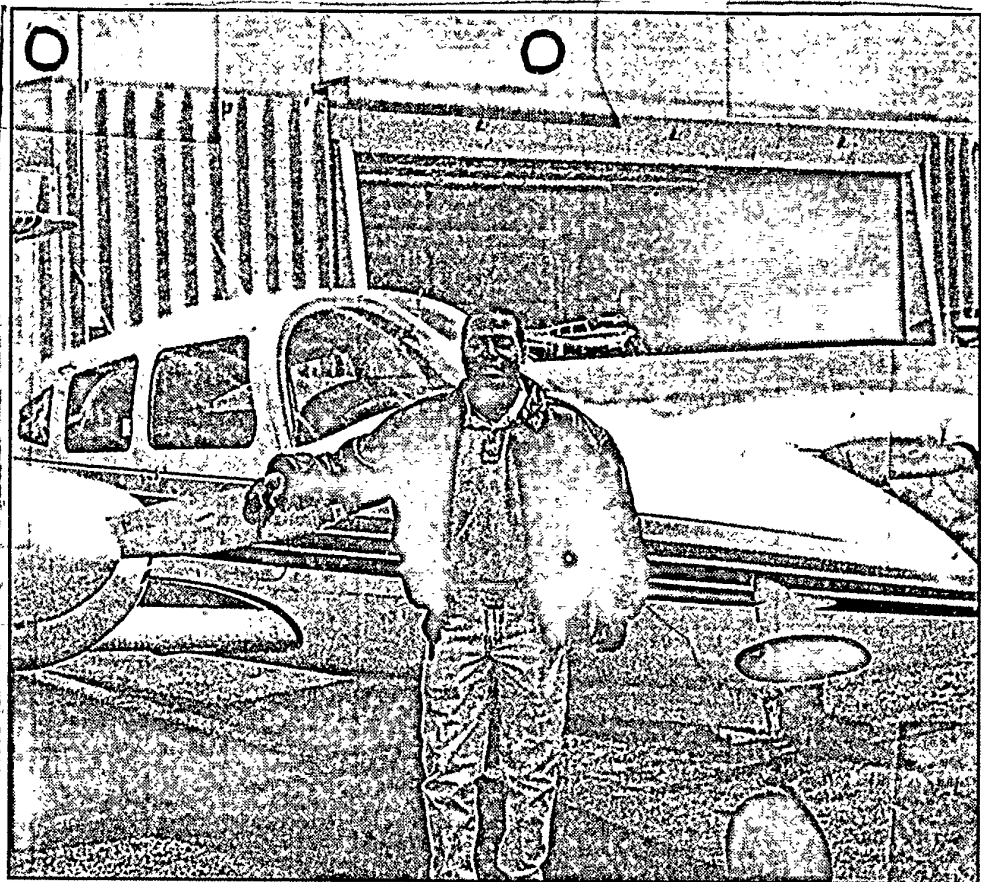
She said she was strict with her son because she didn't want him to waste his education while she supported him by working at a 3M plant.

But being single-minded about aviation didn't necessarily make it an easy road, Marie Guess said.

She said her son worked numerous side jobs and had school debts from the University of North Dakota, where he received a bachelor's degree in aerospace and

his pilot's license in 1997.

"No scholarships," she said. "We had to pay all the way."



Provided by the family of Michael Guess

Michael Guess had a dream of becoming a pilot for a major airline. "It is definitely apparent that I can't get enough of flying," he wrote in his logbook about five weeks before he died.

Most of Guess' income came from a nonflying job at Pan Am Flight Academy in Eagan, but he had been demoted to a job as receptionist and was laid off before the crash, Marie Guess said. She said her son's demotion didn't have anything to do with his aviation skills.

Before working at Pan Am, Guess worked in the flight-training business at Northwest Airlines. His mother said he voluntarily left the company over a dispute with his boss about a schedule conflict that involved other employment.

To subsidize his flying interest, he also had worked as a mail sorter for the Postal Service and as an airport screener for a security firm, his mother said.

"He didn't complain about money," she said.

For Guess, the hard work and low pay seemed only to be a rite of passage for the day he could make his living in the air. "Living The Dream," is how he put it in his logbook last summer.

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# Wellstone's death leaves Coleman campaign in box

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ST. PAUL (AP) — Sen. Paul Wellstone's death has his opponent, Republican Norm Coleman, in a tough spot.

If Coleman resumes his campaign too soon, he could face a public backlash. If he starts too late, he risks being swamped while sitting on the sidelines. Meanwhile, he's not certain who his opponent will be.

"Houdini couldn't get out of this box," said Larry Jacobs, a political science professor at the University of Minnesota. "Quite apart from his own sense of loss, which I believe is very genuine, he is hand-tied."

Coleman discussed his dilemma with reporters Sunday, standing outside in the cold about half a mile from Wellstone's campaign headquarters at a television station.

"There will be a campaign, but now is not the time," said the former St. Paul mayor.

Minnesotans still need time to grieve, he said. A memorial service is scheduled for Tuesday evening, which Coleman plans to attend. Sometime after that, a campaign will resume.

But Coleman has to scrap the past year and a half of work building a campaign against Wellstone. He also must figure out a new message against an opponent who could have a big sympathy vote.

Jacobs said Coleman should talk about Wellstone and how they differed on policy, but had similar principles. It was a path Coleman appeared to be starting down on Sunday.

"Paul Wellstone was a good man. He was my political opponent. He made me a better candidate. I loved going to those debates because his passion, his fire, he made you better," Coleman said. "In this business, you can disagree philosophically. I always believed Paul and I had the same end, we wanted the same things for families. We just disagreed how to get there."

The last poll in the race, taken shortly after Wellstone spoke out against a resolution authorizing military force against Iraq, showed Wellstone opening a slight lead in the race for the first time.

Coleman's supporters said it would be unfair for voters to blame Coleman for resuming his campaign.

"He's been utterly disarmed by something over which he has no control," said David Strom, legislative director for the Minnesota Taxpayers League. "It is an impossible position to be in."

Strom added, "If he's not out there campaigning vigorously on Wednesday morning, he's letting his supporters down."

Coleman may not know his strategy yet, but the Republican Party is preparing a message that presumes the Democrats will choose Wal-

ter Mondale to replace Wellstone.

"This is a choice between the past and the future — between someone who had had a place in the Senate decades ago and a guy prepared and ready to serve the next six years," said spokesman Bill Walsh.

With a one-vote margin in the Senate, the race also has the rapt attention of Washington, and national political figures wasted no time on Sunday burnishing the images of Coleman and his possible opponent, Mondale.

On CNN's "Late Edition," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, praised Coleman's work as mayor of St. Paul and said he was "very highly thought of by both Republicans and Democ-

rats."

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., took exception to that, saying Coleman had conducted "the most negative, derogatory" U.S. Senate campaign.

"He, until Paul was announced dead ... stood for everything that Paul was against. He was against everything Paul was for," Reid said.

Jacobs said Coleman's future beyond the election depends on how he handles the next several days.

"He's a pretty young guy, he's got a long future ahead of him.... It's very important at this stage that he conduct himself in an honorable way," Jacobs said. "Campaigning as usual would be a real mistake."

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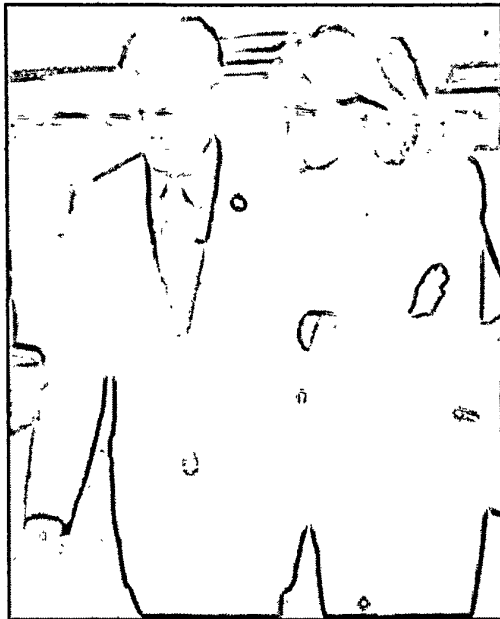
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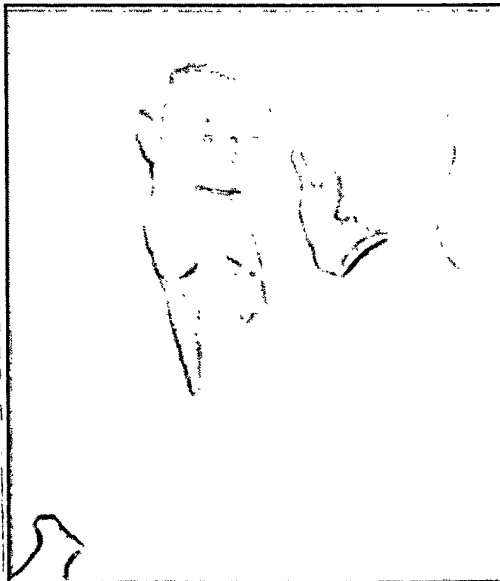
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Republican U.S. Senate candidate Norm Coleman leaves a morning television program with his wife Laurie, in St. Paul, Minn., Sunday. Coleman was scheduled to run against Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., who died in a plane crash Friday.



Minnesota Democratic Party Chairman Mike Erlandson, left, speaks briefly with Republican U.S. Senate candidate Norm Coleman while passing during a morning television program in St. Paul, Minn., Sunday.



## The State

### Suspicious package at Capitol was noisemaker

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A suspicious package that a bomb squad was called to investigate Sunday at the state Capitol turned out to be a leftover noisemaker from an anti-war rally.

The bomb squad was called to the Capitol after a groundskeeper reported a suspicious tin covered in tape on the south steps of the building.

It turned out to be a coffee can with pinto beans — a leftover noisemaker from an anti-war rally Saturday at the Capitol.

"It was like the homemade noisemakers you make for your kids," said St. Paul Police Sgt. Ted Gillet.

### Memorial service set for Wellstone staffer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A memorial service will be held Monday for Tom Lopic, a member of U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone's staff who was killed in a plane crash with the senator and six others on Friday.

The nondenominational service will be held at Pax Christi Catholic Community in Eden Prairie at 7 p.m.

Lopic, 49, served as Wellstone's right-hand man, prepping him for speeches and debates.

Lopic had worked with Wellstone for 10 years and quit his job as deputy director in the state Senate office two weeks ago to join the campaign full-time.

Lopic is survived by his wife, Trudy.

### Star Tribune endorses Penny for governor

ST. PAUL (AP) — Editorial writers at the Star Tribune of Minneapolis endorsed Tim Penny of the Independence Party for governor.

In an editorial appearing in Sunday editions, the newspaper said it has admired Penny's leadership and Minnesota has benefited greatly from it.

Penny, a former Democratic congressman, has helped Gov. Jesse Ventura since his 1998 upset in the gubernatorial election. Penny's work with Ventura shows he'll bring a centrist approach to policy, without Ventura's bad-boy persona, the newspaper said.

# Pilot worked shift night before fatal Wellstone flight

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MINNEAPOLIS — The pilot who captained Sen. Paul Wellstone's fatal flight worked a night shift at his second job as a nurse on top of a flight assignment earlier the day before the crash, the Star Tribune reported Sunday.

The newspaper said the National Transportation Safety Board is investigating Richard Conry's schedule in the days before the crash — and how it may have affected the 55-year-old's fitness to fly.

Conry's previously undisclosed four-hour nursing shift at a Twin Cities hospital ended between 9 and 10 p.m. the night before the Friday, Oct. 25 crash. That shift followed an unexpected 3-to-9:30 a.m. round-trip flight by Conry between St. Paul and Bismarck, N.D., earlier that Thursday.

The Star Tribune also said Conry's nursing job was a factor in his rejection as a part-time pilot candidate at Aviation Charter Inc. of Eden Prairie in fall 2000, according to a former chief pilot at the company. Conry eventually was hired in April 2001.

The amount of sleep Conry got before the fatal flight is important because fatigue contributes to up to one-third of all fatal transportation accidents, said Dr. Mark Mahowald, director of the Minnesota Regional Sleep Disorder Center.

Mahowald said Conry probably was impaired by an "accumulated sleep loss problem" while flying Well-

**"It's hard to imagine he was not sleep-deprived."**

DR. MARK MAHOWALD, director of the Minnesota Regional Sleep Disorder Center, speaking of the pilot of Sen. Paul Wellstone's fatal flight.

stone.

"It's hard to imagine he was not sleep-deprived," Mahowald said after he was told about Conry's early morning flight to North Dakota and his Thursday-night nursing work.

Conry and co-pilot Michael Guess took off at 9:20 a.m. Oct. 25 for a scheduled 14-hour trip. The trip ended in Eveleth at 10:22 a.m., when the twin turboprop King Air A100 crashed and burned 2 miles short of the runway. All eight people aboard were killed, including Wellstone's wife and daughter. The cause remains under investigation.

Dave Willman, a consultant to Aviation Charter, said he was not aware that Conry worked the night before he flew Wellstone.

"I don't believe the company knew that he had a nursing job," Willman said.

Elizabeth Isham Cory, a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said the 10-hour rest requirement doesn't prevent pilots from working a nonaviation job. She said it wouldn't be illegal for a pilot to work a second job, even if the work is within 10 hours of a takeoff.

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# Paul Wellstone: why take him out?

In my last column, ("Paul Wellstone: more questions, fewer answers", *Reader Weekly*, 9 January, 2003, pp. 12-13), I explained how the FBI was on the scene of the crash by noon, as reported by St. Louis County Sheriff Rick Wahlberg. Which means that, since this contingent came from Minneapolis, it must have departed from the city no later than 9:28 AM to make it to Duluth around 10:50 AM and arrive at the scene by noon. Remarkable, considering the crash only occurred at 10:20, and was verified at 11:00.

These agents are truly special. Their powers of anticipation defy explanation. Indeed, Wellstone's plane only departed from St. Paul at 9:30! So they were heading north to cover a crash that had yet to occur at approximately the same time that the plane they were going to cover was taking off! Anyone with predictive abilities of this caliber is wasting their time with the FBI. They should be investing in stock, running a betting emporium or, better yet, picking tickets for the lottery. They would make a bundle!

Of course, they might be making a bundle already. Who am I to say? Shenanigans by the FBI are nothing new. They knew that JEF had been killed by a lone assassin before the smoke had cleared in Dealey Plaza. That was in the past. More recently, a St. Paul man says the FBI set him up (*Duluth News Tribune*, 9 January 2003, p. 4C). The victim, who was born in India, claims they gave him a plane ticket to Hong Kong and arrested him there after engaging him in an alleged terrorist plot to trade drugs for weapons.

I know enough about the FBI to find this claim highly plausible, especially during the reign of



**Jim Fetzer**

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John Ashcroft, Attorney General extraordinaire, who specializes in depriving American citizens of their enumerated rights under the Constitution, which he is now in the process of dismembering. Anyone remember the USA Patriot Act, which compromises your and my rights to legal representation, to freedom from unreasonable search and seizure, from detention without formal charges, and other basic elements of the Bill of Rights?

This administration has been lying to us about its tax cuts, the SEC, Homeland Security, 9/11, and Iraq. The foundation for its domestic policy has become an obsession with terrorists. We are not actually fighting a war against terrorism, which would require attacking its causes rather than its effects. If we wanted to eradicate terrorism rather than kill a few terrorists, we would be doing very different things, as I have explained ("Killing terrorists vs. eradicating terrorism", *Reader Weekly*, 27 September 2001, p. 10).

What the Attorney General and this administration need,

more than anything, is some sort of evidence that there actually are terrorists at work in the USA. And that remains the case, even if they have to fabricate their evidence, as may be, true in this instance. Even Eisenhower was sufficiently distraught over the ascension of Castro in Cuba that he instructed the Joint Chiefs that, if the Cubans did not commit an incident to incite an invasion, they should invent one, as James Bamford, *Body of Secrets* (2001),

has disclosed.

The schemes they proposed including blowing up the Atlas rocket that would carry John Glenn into space or loading a commercial airliner with college students on a holiday and shooting it down over Cuba. The Chiefs even took satisfaction in the thought that the list of casualties would inflame the nation to rise up, demanding a military invasion of Cuba. Jack thought these guys were paranoid—which they were—and disapproved their daffy schemes. Which led them to conclude that JFK was an obstacle to fighting communism.

If the FBI was faster than a speeding bullet in reaching the scene of the Wellstone crash, which implies a cover-up, then what were they covering up? At the very least, they had a chance to secure the black box: experts say the plane was probably carrying—although it was not required by law—and the cockpit voice recorder the NTSB spent a day and a half looking for, before concluding it did not exist. It may have been taken by the FBI.

So there are advantages to being on the scene right away, even if getting there in time might entail certain risks of discovery. Who would bother to think about

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the precise time the FBI reached the crash scene in the midst of all of that confusion and concern? or what time it had reached Duluth and rented a car? or what time it had departed for the northland from Minneapolis/St. Paul? If they had not reached the scene on time, they would have lost the chance to seize or affect whatever could give the game away.

Having studied the death of JFK for more than a decade, however; I might have become a bit paranoid myself. Even if elementary considerations and simple addition prove that the FBI knew the crash was going to occur before the plane had taken off, that does not explain why this man was targeted. As in other cases of the discovery of a corpse, it is possible to know that a man is dead without knowing how he was killed, much less why.

The how looks increasingly as though the plane was brought down by the use of EMP, as I had originally proposed ("What happened to Paul Wellstone?", *Reader Weekly*, 28 November 2002, pp. 18-19). But even if that turns out to explain how it was done and why there was a complete cessation of communication concurrent with the complete loss of control, it does not explain why Wellstone was targeted for assassination. The reasons, however, as in the case of JFK, may not be very difficult to discern. They appear political in kind.

In a column published seven months before the election ("Paul Wellstone, Fighter", *The Nation*, 9 May 2002, at <http://www.thenation.com/doc.mhtml?i=20020527&s=nichols>), John Nichols advanced reasons why Paul Wellstone was "a hunted man": "Minnesota's senior senator is not just another Democrat on White House political czar Karl Rove's target list; in an election year when the Senate balance of power could be decided by the voters of a single state", Nichols wrote. "Rather, getting rid of Wellstone is a passion for Rove, Dick

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**Wellstone was threatening the image of the omniscient and omnipotent Bush political machine. He was in their face.**

Cheney, George W. Bush and the special-interest lobbies that fund the most sophisticated political operation ever assembled by a presidential administration".

It was Wellstone's unabashed liberalism and determination to block the Bush agenda that won him so many enemies. When most Democrats were ducking for cover from the Bush political machine, Wellstone was leaping into the ring and taking them on—with gusto! The race was being read as a measure of the potential of progressive politics. "If he wins," Nichols wrote, "a blow will be struck, not just against the Bush machine but against those in the Democratic Party who argue for tepid moderation."

For years, he observes, progressives have argued that Democrats can win big only when they emphasize fundamental differences between them and Republicans on principles of social justice and economic fair play. Wellstone understood that it is a huge mistake to back away from the "liberal" label. With which I agree. Democracy, after all, is a liberal idea. Liberals believe that everyone deserves representation, not just the rich.

Nichols also reported that Wellstone had the most consistent record of opposing Bush administration initiatives of any member of the Senate, according to *Congressional Quarterly*. He received 100% ratings from the AFL-CIO, American for Democratic Action, and the League of Conservation Voters. As the *Star Tribune* had described him, he was "the go-to guy to advance the causes of educators, environmentalists, consumer and labor groups, the elderly and the poor". And he is greatly missed.

As a measure of the difference it makes that his voice has been silenced, take the news from a single day, such as Saturday, as reported in the *Duluth News Tribune* (11 January 2003); and ask what Paul Wellstone would have had to say. The headline concerns a local issue, the anti-loitering ordinance, but does anyone doubt Paul Wellstone believed in the right of peaceable assembly and association? I think he would have opposed it.

On the national scene, another front-page story concerns a Bush proposal to deny some 20 million acres of wetland protection from industrial pollution as an industry effort to gut key provisions of the Clean Water Act. Wellstone understood, as this administration does not, that wetlands play a crucial role in our ecology, filtering out wastes

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and nurturing sensitive links in the food chain. When the wetlands are gone, the human species will not be far behind. Wellstone would have opposed it.

In international affairs, a headline announces, "U.S. officials want Iraqi oil to help cover cost of war", which will inflame Arab opinion that America has gone to war in Iraq to help itself to that nation's natural resources. Paul Wellstone would have observed that the apparent justification for going to war in Iraq is to take control of the oil that we need to pay for a war in Iraq. But, if that is true, we don't need the oil, because we don't need a war with Iraq. It's that blatant and that stupid.

Turning to page 3, "Special interest provisions cut from security measure", where even the Republicans have been so embarrassed by their own secret machinations in passing the so-called Homeland Security bill that they are now acting to remove language that would have protected pharmaceutical companies from lawsuits for defective vaccines and broadening a provision that would have had the effect of restricting federal funding for related research to Texas A&M! Wellstone would have agreed.

As though those provisions were not outrageous enough, Republican leaders are said to have agreed "to restore language pushed by the late Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., to prohibit homeland-security contracts with American companies that have moved offshore to avoid U.S. taxes". That would hardly seem controversial, but the Bush administration is going to reserve the right to make exceptions *in the name of national security!* Wellstone would have observed that national security is rooted in economic security, which is thereby further weakened.

On page 4, "U.S. condemns North Korea for withdrawing from nuclear treaty", he would have pointed out that the United States

set a poor example for the world when it withdrew from the Kyoto Accords and its efforts to control global warming, and abandoned the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty to undertake an expensive and almost certainly ineffectual ABM system, which has undermined a half-century of arms control agreements. How can we complain when they simply emulate us?

On the Opinion page, Paul Wellstone would have agreed with Michael Hill that, but for the presence of oil, the US would not be considering—even remotely—going to war against Saddam Hussein. He would have gone further, however, to point out that our real reason for attacking Afghanistan appears to have been to construct a vast oil pipeline that the Taliban had opposed and the what has been going on in Venezuela appears to be a classic CIA destabilization operation for the sake of oil.

And he would also have agreed—most emphatically!—with Maureen Dowd that this administration is brilliant at manipulating its image to reveal only what it wants the public to see, where "(Karl) Rove and his president have a new style of class warfare—the affluent afflicting the afflicted; the ruling class enacting policies to help itself, weaving a pashmina safety net so the well-off can buy more expensive stuff they don't need." Pure Wellstone! We miss you, Paul.

On the business page, he would have deplored the Bush administration for not extending unemployment benefits for 800,000 American workers that expired between Christmas and New Year. He would have opposed a judge's ruling that required the United Airlines' union for 37,000 machinists to take a cut in pay, no doubt observing that it would be far more effective and judicious to have ordered United executives to take

massive cuts, which they can easily afford, instead.

He would also have skewered Republican complaints that Democrats are practicing class warfare, when precisely the opposite is the case. As my father taught me, the Republicans tend to accuse the Democrats of that of which they are most guilty. And he would have ridiculed the Vice President's reply that the tax cuts are not slanted toward the rich, will not adversely impact state budgets, and will not increase the federal deficit, which appeared in *The New York Times* (11 January 2003), as ludicrous claims which are provably false, as Reaganomics should have taught us.

And he would have been outspoken in denouncing Richard Perle's announcement that the US, *even without United Nations' authorization, is still going to attack Iraq*, pointing out that the US is bound to the UN by a treaty; that nations entering into that treaty renounce their right to attack other nations without UN authorization unless subject to imminent attack; that treaties have the same status under our Constitution as the Constitution itself as the supreme law of the land; and that Bush would thereby violate his oath to uphold the Constitution and have committed an obviously impeachable act ([http://www.truthout.org/docs\\_02/011203A.perle.attack.htm](http://www.truthout.org/docs_02/011203A.perle.attack.htm)).

JFK was taken out for many reasons, including his desire to cut the oil depletion allowance; to reform or abolish the Federal Reserve; and to dismantle the CIA. The mob wanted him out to regain control of its resorts and casinos in Havana, where it was running the largest money-laundering operation in the Western Hemisphere, and to get his brother, Bobby, off their backs; J. Edgar wanted to stay on as Director of the FBI; LBJ wanted to be "the president of all the people".

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The Joint Chiefs resented Jack because he had not invaded Cuba against their unanimous recommendation; he had gone ahead and signed an above-ground nuclear test ban treaty with the Soviets against their unanimous opposition; and he was withdrawing our advisors from Vietnam, again contrary to their unanimous recommendation. The Chiefs had come to believe that removing JFK as the Commander-in-Chief was essential to the fight against communism.

The day after the plane crash, David Cogswell raised the question of whether Paul Wellstone could have been the victim of an assassination ("Wellstone Death: Foul Play?"; <http://david-cogswell.com/Political/WellstoneDead.html>). "The right-wingers have shown clearly with their veiled threats that they will stop at nothing to achieve their aims. Now they are prepared to take it

to all-out-war in Iraq. They are no longer talking about bombing some killers holed up in caves in the barren rural landscape of Afghanistan...

"Yes, the people running things are willing to kill large numbers of people. They don't like to get their hands dirty. They like to push buttons and have other people do the killing. They are far too genteel to do the dirty work. Obviously, killing is not a problem for these people. So, yes, when, when I see someone killed and I see a motive for someone to have killed him, yes, I am suspicious.

"The United States is [this was written prior to the election] one Senate seat away from total domination by the Bush-Cheney-Lott-Delay right wing of America. The stakes are extreme. These guys play for keeps. It used to be called hard ball. It's not ball at all. It's war. It's gang war on a very large scale. . . . I am suspicious of everything I see. I see them playing games, cheating, lying and manipulating in practically every sphere. . . . Isn't it strange how many people who opposed the fascists are killed in some mysterious manner?" Strange, indeed.

Paul Wellstone was defying the odds. He was pulling away from Norm Coleman, the hand-picked candidate of Karl Rove. The differences between them could hardly have been greater. (See, for example, "20 Questions for Norm Coleman" *Reader Weekly*, 3 October 2002, pp. 10-11.) His lead by 25 October 2002

had grown to six or seven points and was increasing. He was threatening the image of the omniscient and omnipotent Bush political machine. He was in their face.

*Use a small bomb. Detonate it by remote control or a pressurized device. Better yet, use that new EMP thing. No one will even think of that. Make sure you get the feds there right away to clean up the scene and secure incriminating evidence. Send someone unqualified to head up the NTSB. It has worked before. It can work again.*

And let's not kid ourselves. This guy was a menace. He might have filibustered the Homeland Security Act. He also opposed us on tax cuts, the SEC, and the war on Iraq. *He wanted us to investigate 9/11!*

He had become an obstacle in the war on terrorism. Killing him set an example. In the name of national security. He had to be taken out.

*Jim Fetzer, a professor of philosophy at UMD, believes the Bush administration, like the Joint Chiefs under Kennedy, has gone off the deep end and would do anything to promote its conception of national security, which just happens to coincide with the best interests of the nation's oil industry. It's a small world. (The columns to which he makes reference may be found on his web site, <http://www.assassination-science.com>.)*

## THE LETTERS

### Wellstone crash: I was within a stone's throw of...

Professor Fetzer,

I have both read your two stories in the *Reader* and also heard you on the Duke Show concerning the suspicious events surrounding Senator Wellstone's death. Although as a rule I am usually skeptical of conspiracy theories, etc, in this instance, I think you may be onto something...

The morning of Wellstone's crash, I too was on the way to the funeral of Benny Rukavina. In fact, after the funeral when we first heard about the crash and the approximate time of the crash was reported as 10:21, I immediately thought to myself, "Jeez, I was within a couple of miles of that airport (traveling north on Hwy. #53, due west of the airport) at almost that exact moment." The reason I was sure of this, was because I arrived at the church at exactly 10:35 after picking up my mother in law who lives just two short blocks away. Having driven this route hun-

dreds of times, I know that it is exactly 10 minutes to Virginia from the Hwy #53 & #37 (to Hibbing) intersection. The airport is just a stone's throw from this intersection.

The weather, although not sunny and warm, was not freezing rain or snow either. Instead it was cloudy, hazy, with little or no wind and just above freezing. An occasional mist fell. What was happening 10,000 feet up, may have been another story, but at and near the surface there was nothing that appeared threatening in any way.

More than anything, what caused me to write you is your electromagnetic theory and how such an event could disable the plane. You see, just a few minutes prior to reaching the Hwy #53 & #37 intersection [Editor: which is within a mile or two of the airport], I distinctly remember receiving a call on my cell phone. Although I have received calls on my cell phone before that have had bad reception and barely audible, this call was in a league of its own. When I answered it, what I heard sounded like a cross between a roar and a

loud humming noise. The noise seemed to be oscillating and I could not make out any words being spoken. Instead, just this loud, grotesque, sometimes screeching and humming noise.

Since then, I have discovered that a friend of mine who I had tried to call earlier that morning, said he returned my call that morning and left me a message. He said his message was something like, "Another gloomy day in NE Minnesota!" Little did he know how gloomy it was about to get! Strangely, I never did receive his message on my voicemail, however, and to prove my point about receiving the call will go back through my old cell phone records to see the exact time when the incoming call came in, if you think there is good reason to do so [Editor: which he has now confirmed came in at 10:18 that morning]. Could an EMP type event cause this to happen to a cell phone within a few miles of the immediate area?

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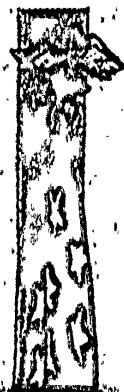
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# Paul Wellstone: the use of futuristic weaponry?

A recent *Reader* (16 January 2003, p. 4) included a letter to me from John Ongaro, who described an unusual experience he had en route to the funeral that Paul Wellstone had planned to attend when his plane crashed, taking not only his life but the life of his wife, six of his aides, and two pilots. The plane was highly reliable, the weather was not a problem, and the pilots appear to have been well-qualified.

John's description of the weather (neither sunny and warm, but with no freezing rain or snow, but generally cloudy, just above

freezing, and hazy with little or no wind), coincides extremely closely with the depictions and photographs given by Steve Filipovitch and printed in the *Reader* (2 January 2003, front cover and pp. 16-18). There is no basis for early reports that freezing rain was a contributing factor, as an earlier column has explained (28 December 2002, pp. 18-19).

These circumstances force us to take seriously possibilities we might prefer not to confront on moral, political, or personal grounds. If the more obvious

hypotheses, such as mechanical problems, pilot errors, and bad weather, cannot account for the evidence, then other, more sinister, hypotheses require consideration, such as that the crash may have been caused by a small bomb, a gas canister, or EMP weaponry.

Electro-magnetic pulse weaponry may initially sound exotic, but there are reasons to take it seriously. Ongaro wrote to explain exactly what had happened to him. "Just a few minutes prior to reaching the Hwy #53 and #37 intersection [which is within a mile or two of the airport], I distinctly remember receiving a call on my cell phone. Although I have received calls on my cell phone before that have had bad reception and [have been] barely audible, this call was in a league of its own.

"When I answered it, what I heard sounded like a cross between a roar and a loud humming noise. The noise seemed to be oscillating and I could not make out any words being spoken. Instead, just this loud, grotesque, sometimes screeching and humming noise.... [John has confirmed that he received an incoming call at 10:18 AM on the morning of 25 October 2002, shortly before the crash.] Could an EMP type event cause this to happen to a cell phone within a few miles of the immediate area?" Indeed, the answer appears to be, "Yes".

As Major Scott Merkle explained in an issue of *Military Intelligence* (<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/army/tradoc/usaic/mipb/1997-1/merkle.htm>) published in 1997, the existence of these "Goldeneye"-like pulse weapons first became a reality in the early 1960s. While testing hydrogen bombs in outer space, hundreds of miles above the planet, American and Soviet scientists discovered that each atomic blast created a pulse of electromagnetic energy similar to conventional radio-made microwaves, but with energy so great that they erased magnetic memories and melted



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the microscopic junctions in transistors on the Earth below." This lead to a surge in military development of their use as sophisticated electromagnetic pulse (EMP) weaponry.

Indeed, another instance that may exemplify the use of EMP on a civilian target occurred about

Iraq, Saddam Hussein and his forces will be instant guinea pigs for a new generation of US weapons which may be used for the first time in all-out war....

"In the years since the last Gulf War it has emerged that America's so-called smart bombs were not as precise or as plenty as the world had been led to believe. This time the US and its weaponry have to be smarter—if Washington wants world acceptance of its role in Iraq during and after a war, it cannot afford to trash the country and its civilian infrastructure as it did last time.

"Which is where a new suite of US weapons will come into their own. These are high-powered microwave devices, 'directed energy' weapons that the US hopes can be used to render a fleet of army vehicles useless by destroying their ignition or fuel systems. They will also cause disorientating pain—but apparently no lasting damage—by playing with nerve-ends in the enemy's skin" ([www.smh.com.au/arti-cles/2003/01/03/1041566227384.html](http://www.smh.com.au/arti-cles/2003/01/03/1041566227384.html)).

The existence of these "Goldeneye"-like pulse weapons first became a reality in the early 1960s.

30 miles northeast of Nashville on 6 July 2001 at 10:45 AM CST, where a mysterious power surge killed dozens of birds and damaged transmitters, phone lines, and computer equipment at country music radio station, WJFK (1090 AM). The residents of Williamson County were shaken by this occurrence, which had effects that were experienced over a large part of the county. Their disturbing accounts have been chronicled at <http://www.greatdreams.com/1090w/jkm.htm>.

More recently, Paul McGeough of *The Sydney Morning Herald* (4 January 2003) of Sydney, Australia, has confirmed reports that the United States has new high-tech weapons to unleash against the Iraqis in order to save American lives. "If the fighting starts in

EMP weapons for military use appear to have been operational at least since 1997: "On 15 December 1997 Raytheon TI Systems (formerly Texas Instruments Defense Systems & Electronics) announced that its AGM-154A JSOW [which is a nonnuclear EMP weapon] has been recommended by the Navy for fleet release. In a report released on October 9, the Navy's Operational Test and Evaluation Force found JSOW to be operationally effective, operationally suitable and recommended it for fleet release" (<http://www.deepspace4.com/pages/science/emplempwarheads.htm>).

A Lt. General's Congressional testimony on 17 June 1997 also affirms the adaptability of such

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And, they come either as 'narrow beam over long distances, or ultra-high beam, ultra-wide beam, ultra-wide beam weapons that can project greater rates of power' (<http://sun.soc.nyu.edu/~crypt/other/schwelt.htm>).

Even TIME magazine's web site has reported on their availability:

#### America's Ultra-Secret Weapon

By Mark Thompson

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"If there's a second Gulf War, get ready to meet the high-power microwave. HPMs are man-made lightning bolts crammed into cruise missiles. . . . HPMs fry the sophisticated computers and electronic gear necessary to produce, protect, store and deliver such agents. The powerful electromagnetic pulses can travel into deeply buried bunkers."

"The HPM is a top-secret program, and the Pentagon wants to keep it that way. Senior military officials have dropped hints about a new, classified weapon for Iraq but won't provide details. Still, information about HPMs, first successfully tested in 1999, has trickled out. "High-power microwave technology is ready for the transition to active weapons in the US military," Air Force Colonel Eileen Walling wrote in a rare, unclassified report on the program three years ago. "There are signs that microwave weapons will represent a revolutionary concept for warfare, principally because microwaves are designed to incapacitate equipment rather than humans." (<http://www.time.com/time/covers/1101030127/nmicro.html>).

It may not remain "top secret" for long. Even *The New York Times* (2 February 2003) has reported that the war with Iraq is going to be fought using these sophisticated weapons, almost in passing as an aside: "Although some experimental weapons are expected to be used—including high powered-microwave weapons that could flash millions of watts of electricity to cripple Iraqi computer and equipment—the air campaign would shut down but not destroy important city services, like water and electricity, so they could more easily be restarted to minimized public health problems."

Phil Ratte has drawn thoughtful comparisons with the Carnahan crash, raising many questions about the similarities between the events, including that they were both on final landing approach when they veered off and dove into the ground; that both had loss of communication coincident upon the loss of control; that both could be explained by the use of EMP weaponry; that their Senate seats were crucial to Republican control; and that Carol Carniody, a former employee of the CIA, led both NTSB investigations. (The use of EMP in the Carnahan case may even have been captured by radar weather maps. See

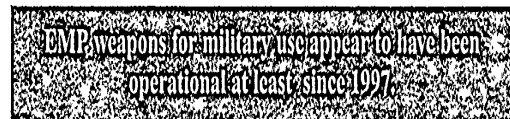
And it is ridiculous on its face to suppose that a herbicide strong enough to destroy coca fields should have no ill-effects. Ironically, the US Embassy in Colombia had just circulated materials to reporters, noting the 'precise geographical coordinates' used to spray coca fields. According to embassy officials, a computer program sets precise flight lines with a 170-foot width, leaving little room for error" ([http://www.americas.org/news/nir/20001210\\_herbicide\\_douses\\_us\\_senator.asp](http://www.americas.org/news/nir/20001210_herbicide_douses_us_senator.asp)).

As though one close call were not remarkable enough, bombs were found at

Thursday hours before the US officials flew into Barrancabermeja alongside the road leading from the airport to the town. The land mines each carried a 6.6-pound explosive charge, were attached to cables and a detonator and were ready to be set off. "If the bomb had gone off, it could have caused immense damage," Villar said. "It would have spread shrapnel over a wide area and could have taken out 10 or 15 people." (<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/columbia001201.html>).

Wellstone, displaying his knack for standing up to political pressure, was one of a handful of senators opposing a \$1.3 billion US aid plan ostensibly directed against drug trading in Colombia and said he would insist that Colombia get no more US aid until it improved its human rights record. Ratte has observed that the herbicide, through its links with acrylamide, might have induced Wellstone's MS. Mercury poisoning appears to have MS, Parkinson's, and ALS among its effects. Maybe they had killed him, just not fast enough.

*Jim Fetzer, a professor of philosophy at UMD, has become convinced by his investigations that Paul Wellstone was taken out for political reasons, and that his death thus properly qualifies as an assassination.*



"Carnahan Crash EMP?" and related links at <http://www.assassinationsscience.com>.)

Ratte believes—and I agree—that both tragedies deserve further scrutiny and objective investigation by authorities not controlled by the US government. "Political insiders know that a number of US Congressmen and US Senators suspect that both Wellstone and Carnahan were assassinated but are afraid to speak out," Ratte remarks. "They are afraid for their lives because of the anthrax attacks on two Democratic US Senators (Tom Daschel and Patrick Leahy) and the assassination of two more Democratic US Senators. As FDR remarked, 'There are no coincidences in politics.'"

It should also be observed that Senator Wellstone had experienced two close calls during visits to South America in recent years. On a fact-finding trip to Columbia, Wellstone was doused with herbicide while he was observing a Columbian National Police demonstration. According to Weekly News Update on the Americas, which reported it, "Wellstone and other members of his delegation were hit with a fine spray of the herbicide glyphosate from a helicopter flying less than 200 feet above them."

"Just before the incident, Lt. Col. Marcos Pederos, the police official in charge of the spraying mission, had assured Wellstone the spray posed no risk to humans, animals or the environment." That seems to be false. Glyphosate has causal links to acrylamide, which turns out to be a potent nerve toxin in humans that can bring about the translocation of mercury toxins stored in the fat cells of the body to cross the blood-brain barrier and poison brain cells, according to a recent medical report (<http://www.i-sis.org.uk/acrylamide.php>).

crucial locations as Senator Wellstone continued his visit to the small town of Barrancabermeja. Although American authorities denied that the Senator or the US Ambassador to Colombia, Anne Patterson, who accompanied him, were targeted for assassination, suggesting it was merely a "coincidence", Police Colonel José Miguel Villar said Wellstone and Patterson were the most likely targets.

According to ABCNews.com, which reported the story, "Villar said two shrapnel-wrapped land mines were found on

POVERTY WATCH compiled by Philip Kern/Reader Weekly				
Reports from area services for the week of February 8-14				
Agency	Shelter Beds filled	Meals provided	Households provided groceries	Number provided other services
CHUM	274	136	112	
Union Gospel Mission	1,724	40	40	
Loaves and Fishes	188	375		
Safe Haven Shelter				
For Battered Women	183	549		183
Life House	56	139		
Salvation Army	179	230	35	49
LSS	133	205		180
Domiano Center		1,469		461
Do. CO. WIC			144	
Northwest WI Comm. Service				
Agency	234	430	49	
CASDA	56	126	3	6
Weekly Totals	1,303	5,383	383	919
January Totals	5,787	23,528	1,457	4,094
4th Qtr. Totals	18,410	70,530	5,411	12,787
3rd Qtr. Totals	17,222	71,413	4,824	12,069
2nd Qtr. Totals	15,272	64,899	5,873	11,876

"Shelter beds provided" refers to the number of beds provided in the given week; one person using a bed for seven nights will count as seven beds. "Other Services Provided" may include case management, donations of furniture, blankets, clothing, financial assistance, emotional support, etc.

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An official investigation has focused on pilot error and weather. Some observers still have suggested a political plot.

## Findings don't slow conspiracy theories on Wellstone crash

By Kevin Diaz  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — When federal investigators released a report last month about the plane crash that killed Sen. Paul Wellstone, some members of Congress hoped it would dispel talk that his plane was sabotaged.

It didn't.

In Internet chat groups, political Web sites and the published reports of several leftist academics, conspiracy theories about Wellstone's death last October maintain a life of their own, particularly in northern Minnesota.

In one nasty exchange, a retired prosecutor from Duluth has threatened to take legal action against a University of Minnesota-Duluth philosophy professor who espouses the belief that the Bush White House had a hand in Wellstone's demise.

The former prosecutor, Thomas Bieter, alleges that the professor, Kennedy-assassination theorist James Fetzer, has committed "criminal defamation" by publishing articles suggesting a government coverup of the crash investigation.

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— A final NTSB report is months away.



Thomas Bieter has started a chat group critical of conspiracy talk.



James Fetzer has suggested a government coverup of the probe.

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Wellstone associates say they have done nothing to encourage such speculation, which some fear could trivialize the senator's political legacy and turn his memory into a morbid pop culture story.

"It's not productive," former Wellstone aide Allison Dobson said. "We're very anxious to get to the bottom of the crash, but at the same time, this sort of thing seems like chasing one's own tail. . . . We have every confidence that the NTSB and the FBI are doing their work well."

But a final report by the NTSB (National Transportation Safety Board) is months away.

### Left-wing theories

When a prominent political figure dies suddenly, it isn't uncommon for rumors and speculation to spring to life. When White House lawyer Vince Foster committed suicide in 1993, for example, right-wing groups alleged that he was murdered and that then-President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton covered it up.

In Wellstone's case, suspicions surfaced within days of the Oct. 25 crash near the Eveleth-Virginia Municipal Airport that killed him, his wife, Sheila, their daughter Marcia, three staffers and both pilots operating the chartered Beechcraft King Air A100 airplane.

In an Oct. 28 article published on an alternative journalism Web site under the title "Was Paul Wellstone Murdered?" Buffalo State College journalism professor Michael Niman wrote, "There is no indication today that Wellstone's death was the result of foul play. What we do know, however, is that Wellstone emerged as the most visible obstacle standing in the way of a draconian political agenda by an unelected government. And now he is conveniently gone."

In the article, posted on AlterNet.org, the professor expressed surprise that Wellstone had "lived this long."

Niman's article was also followed by a number of similar pieces in the left-wing press, notably one by syndicated cartoonist and commentator Ted Rall speculating that Wellstone was killed so Republicans could regain control of the Senate. "Did government gangsters murder the United States' most liberal legislator?" Rall wrote in a column Oct. 29.

Rall's piece has since become fodder for discussion — and condemnation — on a number of Web sites.

The column was followed by a piece by ex-Los Angeles police officer and journalist Michael Ruppert, who concluded in his political newsletter, *From the Wilderness*, that top Democratic officials are twice as likely to die in plane crashes as Republicans.

Ruppert, best known for his accusations of alleged CIA drug trafficking, called the history of plane crashes culminating in Wellstone's death "too full of coincidences."

### 'Conspiratorialists'

The official Washington investigation has focused on a combination of pilot error and northern Minnesota weather.

Rep. Jim Oberstar of Duluth, the top Democrat on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said the joint FBI and NTSB investigation has raised enough questions about the two pilots' approach in low cloud cover to put aside the theories of "conspiratorialists."

"Every allegation regarding sabotage was fully investigated, and the NTSB came up with no evidence of that," said Mary Kerr, Oberstar's press aide.

But the cause of the crash is still far from settled in arti-

cles and Internet discussions involving Fetzter, the Duluth philosophy professor who won a \$100,000 McKnight Foundation grant in 1996 for his work in the philosophy of science.

Fetzter, an ex-Marine who has published several books and papers about the JFK assassination, opened the first of six articles in the Duluth Reader Weekly about the Wellstone crash by saying, "Conspiracies are as American as apple pie."

Discounting weather, pilot error or mechanical problems in Wellstone's flight, Fetzter's articles have seized on the possibility of sabotage brought on by a futuristic electromagnetic pulse weapon that he said could have disabled the plane's computerized components.

Evidence for this, he said in an interview, was the absence of any distress call from the pilots and the odd cellphone experience reported by St. Louis County lobbyist John Ongaro.

Ongaro, who was near the airport when Wellstone's plane went down, has dismissed the significance of his experience, in which he said his cell phone made "strange" sounds and then disconnected.

"It's not unusual for cell phones to cut out, especially in northern Minnesota," he said.

Fetzter's articles rely less on hard evidence of any kind of murder plot than on arguing that the investigators' findings don't add up.

More provocative than Fetzter's theories about how Wellstone's plane went down are his conclusions about who was responsible.

"When I suggest Republicans may have been involved," he wrote in the Reader, "I do not mean the average GOP voter. I mean the troika that runs the government, consisting of Dick Cheney, Karl Rove and Donald Rumsfeld."

A White House spokesman said he had no comment about Fetzter's allegations. Fetzter's theories do not implicate Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., who was running against Wellstone when he died. Two Coleman aides dismissed Fetzter's accusations privately but declined to make any public comment.

Fetzter's theories have caught the attention of retired St. Louis County prosecutor Thomas Bieter, who has started a critical Internet chat group called FETZERclaims-DEBUNK.

Much of the give-and-take on the Web site has been between Fetzter and Bieter, who once took a philosophy course from Fetzter and considered him a friend. The two are now bitter antagonists.

Bieter has threatened to take his case to his former colleagues at the St. Louis County attorney's office.

Chief prosecutor John DeSanto said his office would be unlikely to get involved. But that has not deterred Bieter, who said Fetzter could face civil sanctions as well.

"I simply think it's irresponsible to publish articles accusing Republicans, the FBI and the NTSB of an assassination coverup before the investigation has even been completed," Bieter said.

Fetzter said he has not spoken out about the Wellstone death as a university professor but as a private citizen.

"This is not done off the top of my head," he said. "I'm not just interested in stirring up some . . . storm. I'm interested in the truth. If I can become convinced that I am mistaken about this, I will gladly accept that and sleep easier at night. Because, believe me, the implications of this are profoundly disturbing."

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# Safety board blames pilot error for '02 crash

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

A cascading series of mistakes by the pilots flying a plane carrying U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone and five other passengers was responsible for the fatal crash, a yearlong investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board concluded Tuesday.

Minutes before the crash, Capt. Richard Conry and co-pilot Michael Guess missed or ignored at least two indicators that the plane was in trouble as it approached the Eveleth-Virginia Airport on Oct. 25, 2002.

Had they recognized the warning signs, the pilots should have been able to abort the landing in time to avoid the crash, the five-member board unanimously agreed.

Instead, the Beech King Air A100 turboprop fell short of the runway and crashed into a swamp two miles south of the airport, bursting into flames. Investigators said that because of the pilots' mistakes, the aircraft failed to maintain "adequate airspeed, which led to an aerodynamic stall from which they did not recover."

"This is a tragic accident that really shouldn't have happened," said NTSB chief Ellen Engleman. "We find there is never one single factor, but you get a domino effect. They had several opportunities to correct and they were not able to correct."

Wellstone, his wife, Sheila; their daughter, Marcia Wellstone Markuson; and campaign workers Mary McEvoy, Tom Lopic and Will McLaughlin left St. Paul's downtown airport at 9:37 a.m. for Eveleth, where they



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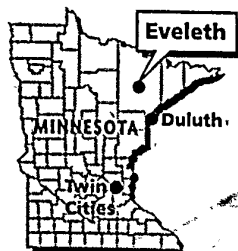
National Transportation Safety Board investigators in Washington on Tuesday discuss their findings in the crash that killed U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone and seven others.

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## Investigators detail crash of Wellstone flight



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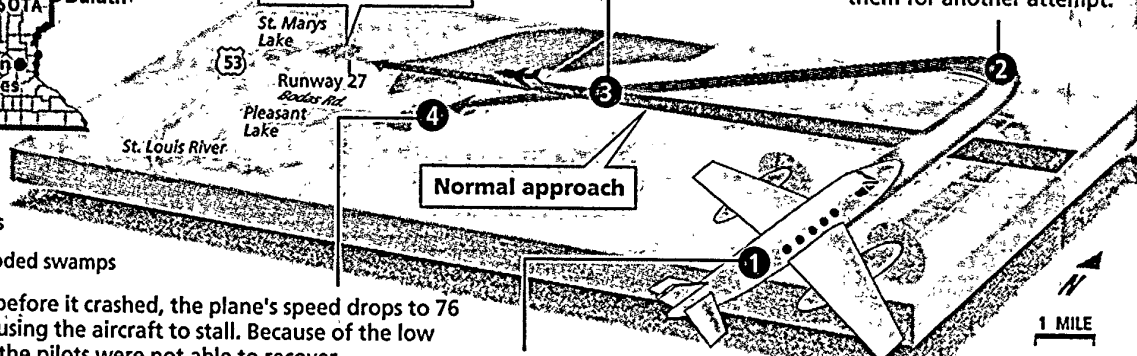
Bogs

Wooded swamps

Seconds before it crashed, the plane's speed drops to 76 knots, causing the aircraft to stall. Because of the low altitude, the pilots were not able to recover.

Compiled by staff writer Tom Majeski  
Source: National Transportation Safety Board.

### Eveleth-Virginia Municipal Airport



The Beechcraft King Air A100 approaches airport from the south. Investigators said it was traveling too fast and could not make a normal turn toward runway 27.

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were to attend a friend's funeral before going on to a campaign stop in Duluth. The plane crashed at 10:22 a.m.

Board member Richard Healing commended NTSB investigators for their efforts to determine what caused the plane to go down. But he lamented that no one may ever know how the pilots missed the red flags or why they failed to make the proper adjustments.

"We don't know why," Healing said. "It's quite speculative." Cockpit voice recorders and flight data recorders are not required in planes like the King Air A100.

### 10 MILES OF DISASTER

NTSB investigators used radar tracking data and simulations of the flight's final moments to piece together a moment-by-moment re-creation of the accident as the plane approached Eveleth.

From about 10 miles out, everything seemed to go wrong.

About 10:10 a.m. — or 12 minutes before the crash — the plane was traveling too fast to properly extend the landing gear. While flying at 3,500 feet above sea level, the crew shifted the aircraft's engine toward idle to reduce speed and get the wheels down.

As the plane neared Eveleth at 10:18, it swung too far north and was not properly lined up for a final approach to the runway.

By 10:20 the pilots had seemingly overcome that mistake and were back on target for the runway. But the plane again drifted off course, this time to the south. It was so wide of the mark that the pilots should have aborted the landing and tried again.

Less than a minute later, the plane's approach speed dropped below the recommended 130 knots and continued to fall, an event that also should have triggered a decision to abort the landing. When the speed fell to 76 knots, the plane stalled, veered sharply left and crashed.

NTSB investigator Charlie Pereira said that scenario was "consistent with a stall and loss of control." Unless the airport was in sight and the landing gear was down, "the airplane should never have been flown below 130 knots," he said.

John Clark, NTSB director of the Office of Aviation Safety, speculated that Conry and Guess may have lost track of the plane and let it go off course while trying to correct the earlier problems they created involving excessive speed and the landing gear.

Johanne Conry, wife of the pilot, sat in the second row of the hearing room, listening to nearly all 90 minutes of the meeting. After hearing investigators criticize her husband's flying abilities, she walked out of the room, appearing upset and leaning on a friend's arm. She declined to answer any questions from reporters.

### FLIGHT COMPANY PROBLEMS

The board also was critical of Charter Aviation, the Eden Prairie company that owned the plane and provided the training for Conry and Guess.

Board investigators said the company had standard operating procedures, but many of its pilots were unaware of them. Had Conry and Guess been following those procedures, they would have maintained an approach speed of 130 knots and aborted the landing after the plane veered off course the second time.

The board also said the two pilots failed to work as a team and back each other up when problems arose, a finding the board blamed on inadequate training. Charter Aviation had an approved training unit designed



to help pilots acquire those skills, but the company's ground school used only a part of it. Also, the pilots were not required to do simulations on the techniques, according to the board.

The result was the pilots were not paying enough attention to the aircraft's instruments. If they had, said NTSB's Bill Bramble, "at least one of them" would have observed the plane was in danger.

Finally, there was no mechanism for pilots to file anonymous reports alerting the company's management to pilots who lacked skills or showed lapses in judgment. That was

especially significant in Conry's case. Investigators said quick action by his co-pilots saved previous flights on which Conry had made serious mistakes.

Roger and Shirley Wikner, owners of Aviation Charter, could not be reached for comment after the hearing Tuesday. In August, Aviation Charter and several related companies agreed to a \$25 million settlement from the crash to be divided among the families of the Wellstones and their aides. The companies admitted no wrongdoing.

"Aviation Charter has reached a settlement that is acceptable to all parties and

therefore chooses not to comment on the NTSB findings," said Michael Lindberg, an attorney representing the Wikners.

Jeff Blodgett, Wellstone's campaign manager at the time of the crash, said the NTSB report was "extremely painful and disturbing" to him and others at Wellstone Action, the organization formed to carry on the work of Paul and Sheila Wellstone.

"It is now crystal clear that the crash didn't have to happen and never should have happened," Blodgett said. "Those two pilots never should have been allowed to fly people in that plane, and I do hope there's

some accountability for those who let those pilots fly.

"As a customer, when you hire a company, you expect that the pilots carrying this precious cargo are highly qualified to safely carry people," he said. "And that was not the case here. And it's very painful to find that out after the fact."

He said "there are major questions about the training, background and credibility of the pilots, and questions about the management of those pilots." He added, "It's deeper than a mistake in midair. It's overwhelming."

The Wellstones' sons, David

and Mark, were not available for comment.

## RULED OUT

Overcast conditions, low visibility and light rain the morning of the flight might also have contributed to the crash. Low clouds might have prevented them from seeing the landing strip, said Frank Hilldrup, the investigator-in-charge.

There were reports of freezing rain in the area. But for the last four minutes and 23 seconds of the flight, the plane was in an area where ice should not have accumulated on the plane's wings and did not affect its performance during descent, the board concluded. At most, if there was light ice on the wing's leading edge, the plane would have been slightly more susceptible to stalling at low speeds. But the aircraft already was in trouble, Pereira said.

The board also dismissed pilot fatigue as a factor, even though Conry had worked a nursing job and flown an early-morning charter flight during the past two days.

Also ruled out were equipment problems. All parts of the aircraft were well maintained and working properly. The airport's radio beacon was fine within five miles of the runway and was not a contributing factor, either, the board concluded.

Most aeronautics experts contacted by the Pioneer Press on Tuesday said the NTSB investigation appeared to be thorough and its conclusions of pilot error are reasonable.

"It sounds like a classic behind-the-airplane scenario and they lost track of what was important," said Eric Doten, director of the Center for Aerospace Safety and Security Education at Embry-Riddle Aeronautics University in Florida. "They should have gone around, gathered their thoughts and then done it right."

In fact, Conry once told a friend that he was uncomfortable flying the King Air because he was unable to keep up with everything he should be doing in the cockpit.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The board also saved some criticism for the Federal Avi-

ation Administration. The agency inspected Aviation Charter but failed to detect the training lapses cited in the NTSB report. Nor did FAA inspectors fly with the company's pilots.

Les Door, an FAA spokesman, defended the agency's Minneapolis office and said it conducted its inspections of the company properly and on or ahead of schedule.

The NTSB recommended that the FAA make four changes to prevent future accidents:

- Include in-air and ground school inspections.

- Require more cockpit management training for all charter companies that staff flights with a pilot and co-pilot.

- Determine whether planes could be equipped with warning systems that sound an alarm when speeds drop to dangerous levels.

- Establish procedures for using such systems if they are found to be feasible.

The board also renewed its recommendation that video cameras be required in the cockpits of planes. Such equipment would be especially important in smaller planes like the Beech King Air 100 and others that are not required to have flight data or cockpit voice recorders.

The board's conclusions and recommendations did not satisfy everyone, particularly those who have circulated speculation on the Internet and elsewhere that Wellstone's plane was sabotaged to prevent his re-election.

One of the most prominent proponents of that argument is James Fetzer, a philosophy professor at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

"My position is that this crash was not an accident, that the motives appear to have been political and that the White House may have been involved," Fetzer said Tuesday.

He discounted the NTSB conclusion that pilot error caused the crash. Instead, he suspects, the plane was brought down by a "modern electromagnetic-type weapon whose existence is generally not known to the public."

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# Off-course and too slow

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pilots flying too slowly on a landing approach caused the charter-plane crash that killed Sen. Paul Wellstone, the pilots and five others last year, the National Transportation Safety Board concluded Tuesday.

By voice vote, the five-member board also adopted staff findings that the pilots lacked proper training in crew coordination and were probably so inattentive or distracted that they didn't react to the speed drop until too late.

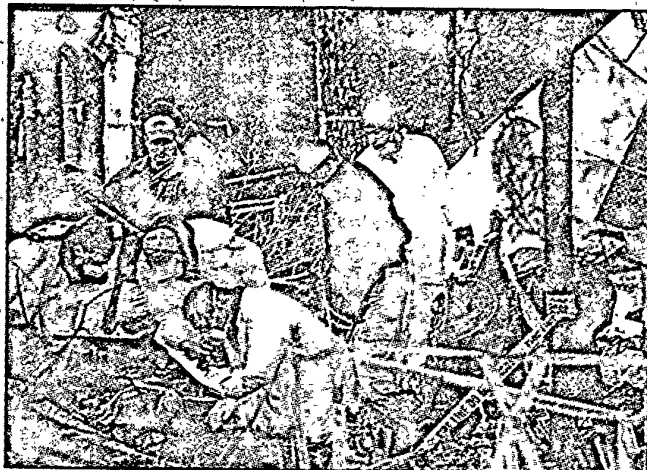
Mild icing from a light snowfall did not affect the de-

scent of the twin-prop King Air A100 before it crashed on Oct. 25, 2002, 2 miles southeast of the Eveleth-Virginia Municipal Airport in northern Minnesota, the panel concluded.

"The probable cause of the accident was the flight crew's failure to maintain adequate airspeed, which led to an aerodynamic stall from which they did not recover," the board said.

The findings came after a 13-month investigation that included attempts to reconstruct and simulate the aircraft's flight path and trajectory before it veered to the left and crashed in the woods.

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Federal investigators sifted through the debris Oct. 27, 2002. The National Transportation Safety Board blamed pilot error for the accident that killed eight.

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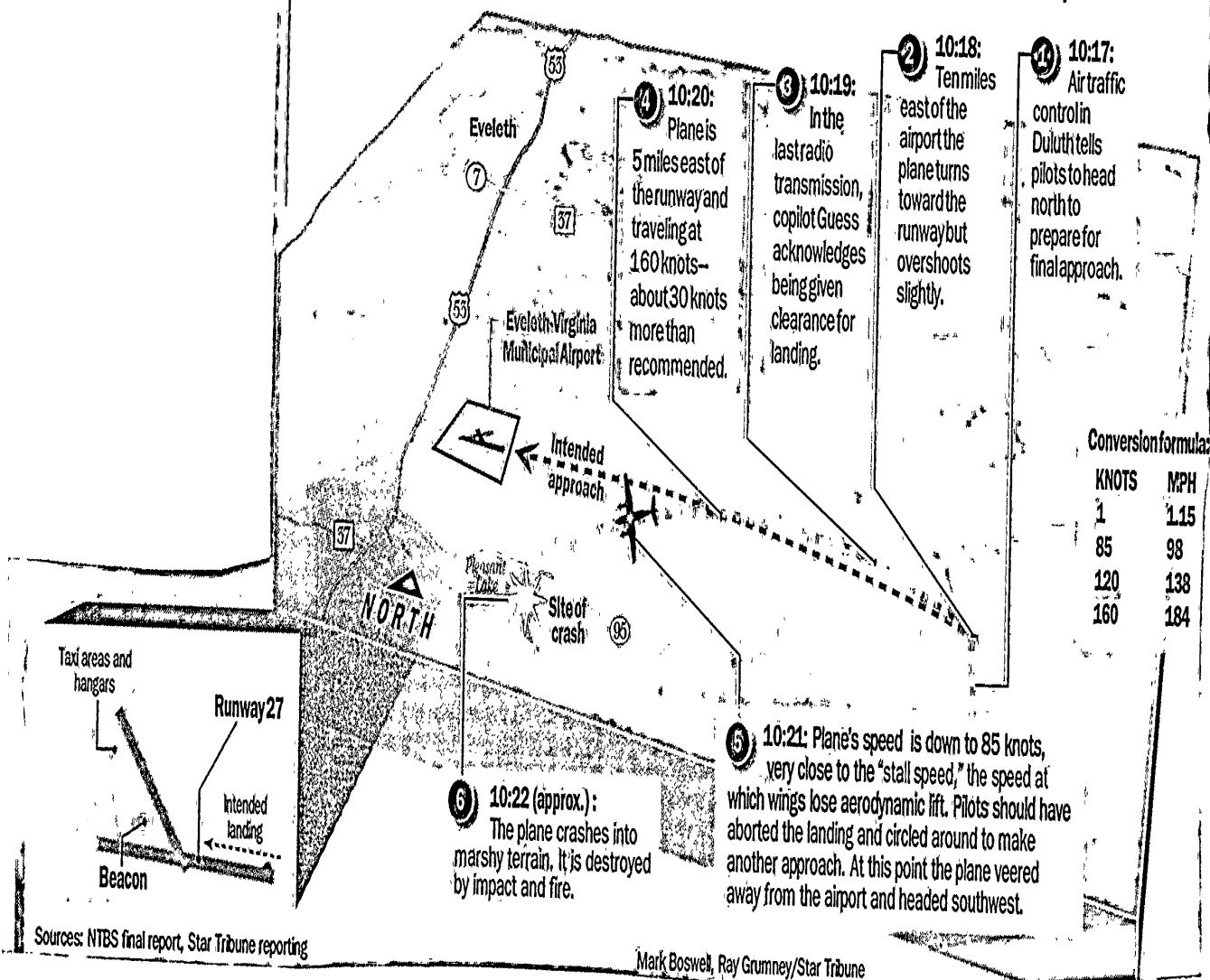
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## THE FINAL MINUTES: A FAILED APPROACH

Federal investigators said Tuesday that in the final minutes of flight, the plane carrying Sen. Paul Wellstone and seven others never established a steady approach path and slowed suddenly enough to cause it to stall and fall from the sky.



Pilot  
Richard Conry



Copilot  
Michael Guess



### PROBABLE CAUSE

The pilots failed to maintain adequate airspeed, which led to an aerodynamic stall and crash.

### FINDINGS

- Both pilots had previously demonstrated "potentially serious performance deficiencies... consistent with below-average flight proficiency."
- Pilots did not follow Aviation Charter approach procedures.
- Fatigue "most likely did not degrade" their performance.
- Icing did not affect the plane's performance.
- The airplane was properly licensed, equipped and maintained.
- A slightly inaccurate navigational beacon at the Eveleth airport was not a factor.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Federal Aviation Administration should:
- Inspect the crew training operations of charter operators as rigorously as it does those of airlines.
  - Require crew resource management training at charter carriers with two-pilot crews.
  - Consider requiring low-air-speed alert systems in charter aircraft.

The board urged the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to tighten regulations on on-demand charter companies so they are required to conduct coordinated pilot training.

It also urged in-flight inspections of charter airlines and the appointment of an expert panel to consider requiring a low-air-speed-warning system that would give charter pilots more time to react.

NTSB Chairwoman Ellen Engleman said board investigators learned after the crash of several incidents of past "sloppiness" by captain Richard Conry, 55, who nearly caused an accident with Wellstone aboard three days before the crash. Conry and copilot Michael Guess, 30, had "a general history of below-average capability and performance," Engleman said.

Had Aviation Charter Inc., the Eden Prairie carrier that operated the flight, set up a system for colleagues to report pilot lapses anonymously, it might have produced "a red flag" for corrective action, she said.

During a 90-minute hearing, NTSB the staff painted this scenario of the final approach:

- Heading north, the plane overshot the westbound airport approach path by about a mile, but continued turning left and converged on the approach course.

- When the plane descended to 3,500 feet, its landing gear was not lowered, as is proper procedure.

- The plane crossed the airport approach course again 5 miles east of the airport but, inexplicably, did not pick up the course.

- The plane accelerated to 171 knots while descending below 2,500 feet — beyond the correct speed of 130 knots, probably forcing the pilot to lower the throttle settings to "near idle."

- Within 3 miles of the runway, the plane slowed to the recommended approach speed of 130 knots, then continued to lose airspeed, perhaps more rapidly when the landing gear was lowered.

- The last radar reading showed that the plane's speed

had dropped to 76 knots (about 87 miles per hour) — the stall level identified by its manufacturer, possibly triggering an audio stall warning inside the cockpit. At 76 knots, the airplane was about 50 knots too slow, the board concluded. Moments later, the plane veered sharply and crashed through treetops and burned.

Besides Wellstone, 59, victims included his wife, Sheila, 58; their daughter, Marcia Wellstone Markuson, 33; DFL official Mary McEvoy, 49; Wellstone campaign aides Will McLaughlin, 23, and Tom Lopic, 49, and the flight crew.

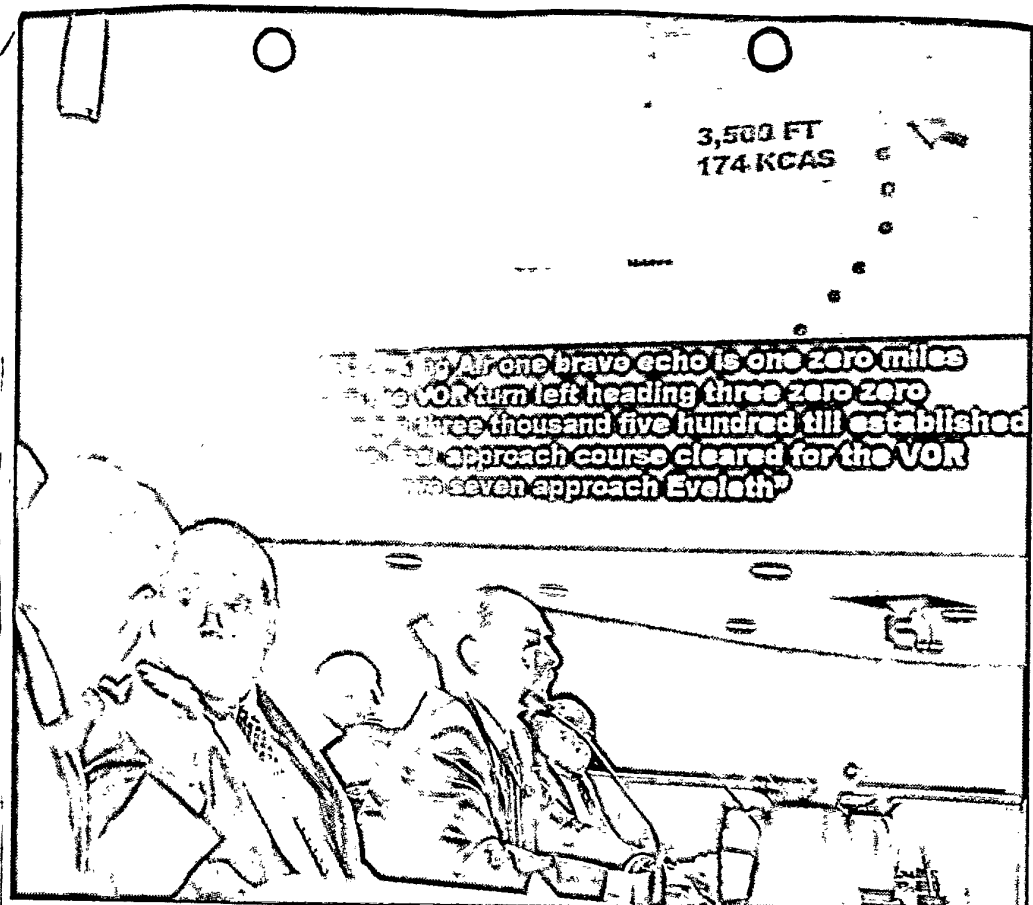
The accident, 10 days before voters were to decide whether to reelect Democrat Wellstone to a third term in the Senate, shocked the nation and may have enabled Republicans to regain control of the U.S. Senate. Republican Norm Coleman defeated former Vice President Walter Mondale, a stand-in for Wellstone, to give the GOP a one-vote Senate majority.

The board's findings, to be detailed in the coming weeks, could dispel allegations of sabotage from conspiracy theorists who have questioned the timing of the crash.

It was snowing the day of Wellstone's scheduled flight from the Twin Cities to the Iron Range for the funeral of the father of a state legislator. After checking the weather, Conry first elected not to fly. But lead investigator Frank Hilddrup told the board that Conry changed his mind after making a second call to an FAA Flight Service Station in Duluth and learning that the Eveleth airport had visibility of 4 miles.

John Clark, director of the NTSB's Office of Aviation Safety, said investigators uncovered no evidence that Conry was pressured to make the flight.

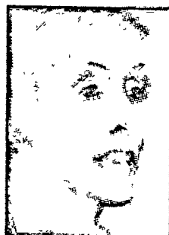
The head of a board meteorology team told the panel that the weather — moderate icing conditions between 8,000 and 11,000 feet — should not have been enough to cause the crash anyway. The plane flew through that zone in two minutes and 24 seconds, meteorologist Kevin Petty said, and air-



Ron Edmonds/Associated Press

National Transportation Safety Board investigators, from left, Charlie Pereira, Frank Hildrup and John Clark met Tuesday in Washington to discuss the crash that killed Sen. Paul Wellstone and seven others.

## OTHER VICTIMS OF THE CRASH



Sheila Wellstone, 58, was the wife of Sen. Paul Wellstone.



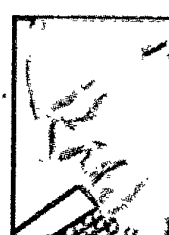
Marcia Wellstone Markuson, the couple's daughter, was 33.



Mary McEvoy, 49, was a member of the campaign staff.



Will McLaughlin, 23, an aide to Wellstone, was single.



Tom Lopic, 49, was a staff assistant on the campaign team.

craft descending below 5,000 feet would have actually been "shedding" ice.

Charlie Pereira, who headed a board team that investigated the plane's performance, said a look "at how this flight crew performed the approach sheds some light" on why the plane lost speed so rapidly in its last 90 seconds of flight.

"Before the airplane descended to 3,500 feet," he said, "the landing gear should have been lowered and the airplane slowed to 130 knots. Instead," he said, "the plane hit 3,500 feet

at 156 knots and accelerated to 170 knots while descending through 2,500 feet.

"This tells us that the landing gear was still retracted," Pereira said. "Thus, for the remainder of the descent, the power would have to be at a lower-than-normal setting — near flight idle — in order for the airplane to slow and descend simultaneously.

"At about 2,200 feet . . . we believe the landing gear was lowered, and our simulations confirm that."

But the landing gear exten-

sion and the low power setting could have easily caused the plane's speed to drop sharply to stall levels, Pereira said.

He said flight crews can fail to maintain minimum airspeed "through inattention, distraction and by not adhering to standard operating procedures."

Investigators have no way of knowing if a stall warning sounded and Conry or Guess tried to react, he said, because the plane had neither a flight data recorder nor a cockpit voice recorder. They were not

required on charter aircraft.

If a warning sounded, the crew might have had up to eight seconds to add power, Pereira said, but the pilots also could have induced a stall, if they reacted by pulling back, suddenly leveling off or making a sharp right turn upon seeing the airport.

"It is also possible that a light coat of ice on the leading edge of the wings could have raised the stall speed slightly so that the stall occurred just prior to — or at about the same time — as the stall warning," Pereira said.

"One thing is clear," he said. "The flight crew did not recover from the stall. The airplane should never have been flown below 130 knots until the airport was in sight."

Board officials noted that Conry passed a flight certification test just days before the flight. The board determined that fatigue "most likely" was not a factor, although Conry's normal sleep pattern was disrupted by flying the previous day and working a Thursday night shift in his second job as a nurse.

Engleman, the NTSB chairwoman, focused on training. She said she does not consider it a "loophole" that charter airlines are not required to give coordinated crew training to their pilots, but more like a "hollow spot" that the board seeks to fill.

She also stressed the need for the FAA to regulate safety in charter operations to levels required for commercial airlines. Had the FAA conducted en-route inspections of Aviation Charter's flight operations, she said, FAA inspectors "would have known better what was, or what was not going on on-board."

FAA spokesman Les Dorr said agency officials are curious about the criticism. Aviation Charter last year received "the second-highest number of inspections" of any carrier overseen by the agency's Minneapolis Flight Standards District Office, he said.

Engleman also lamented the absence of flight recorders, which prevented the board from knowing "everything that happened in the cockpit."

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THOMAS LAPIC (DECEASED);  
WILL McLAUGHLIN (DECEASED);  
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CRASH OF BEECH KING A100 at EVELTH, MN  
10/25/2002  
DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT

Synopsis: NTSB abstract report of 10/25/2002 aircraft accident at Eveleth, Minneosta.

Enclosure(s): Copy of NTSB abstract report released 11/18/2003.

Details: On 11/18/2003, the National Transportation Safety Board held a public meeting in which an abstract report of the aviation accident of 10/25/2002 was released. A copy of this four-page abstract report is attached. It includes an executive summary, conclusions, probable cause of accident and safety recommendations.

No indication of criminal activity was found. NTSB advised the final report was forthcoming.

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# Pilot's disorientation caused crash, NTSB reports

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The decision to fly in marginal conditions helped cause the January 2003 plane crash that killed two Grand Rapids men.

Pilot Gary Prokop, 47, and James Kosak, 51, died when Prokop's Cirrus SR-22 crashed near Hill City at 6:38 a.m. on Jan. 18, 2003.

According to the final report released last month by the National Transportation Safety Board, the probable cause of the accident was "disorientation experienced by the pilot, due to a lack of visual references, and a failure to maintain altitude."

"Contributing factors were the pilot's improper decision to attempt flight into marginal VFR (visual flight rules) conditions, his inadvertent flight into instrument meteorological conditions, the low lighting condition and the trees," the report concluded.

Prokop, a private pilot with 248 hours of flight time — 18.9 in the SR-22 — received a VFR-only certificate for SR-22s less than five weeks before the crash.

Witness reports of weather conditions varied from mostly cloudy to clear, depending upon their location, the NTSB report said.

Prokop called the Princeton, Minn., flight service station for a weather briefing less than an hour before the flight began. He noted that Grand Rapids was overcast but that he was "hoping to slide underneath it and then climb out," said the NTSB document recording the history of the fatal flight.

One witness in Hill City reported seeing a plane that "seemed to be following the highway" flying low.

"If he'd been two blocks east, he'd have hit the water tower," the report quotes him as saying.

Other witnesses also reported seeing the plane flying low and fast before it crashed in a level, wooded area at a 15-degree nose-down angle. Investigators found the plane's wreckage scattered over a 500-foot-long path.

"A post accident examination of the aircraft and engine did not reveal any anomalies," the NTSB report said.

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RICHARD CONRY (DECEASED);  
MICHAEL GUESS (DECEASED);  
CRASH OF BEECH KING A100 at EVELETH, MN  
10/25/2002  
DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT

Synopsis: Final NTSB report and conclusions of 10/25/2002  
aircraft accident; Close case.

Enclosure(s): Copy of final NTSB Aircraft Accident Report and  
conclusions.

Details: On April 12, 2004, the Duluth RA received a copy of the  
National Transportation Safety Board's final Aircraft Accident  
Report from NTSB Air Safety Investigator [REDACTED] titled,  
"Loss of Control and Impact with Terrain, Aviation Charter, Inc.,  
Raytheon (Beechcraft) King Air A100, N41BE, Eveleth, Minnesota,  
October 25, 2002." Copy enclosed for file.

The NTSB concluded that the probable cause of this  
accident was the flight crew's failure to maintain adequate  
airspeed, which led to an aerodynamic stall from which they did  
not recover.

Case agent read and reviewed this report. Inasmuch as  
no indication of criminal activity was indicated after exhaustive

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examination and analysis by the NTSB which warrants further FBI investigation, this case is considered CLOSED at Minneapolis.

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